

9700 Decisions Made During Graham Crusade In Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga. — Wheel-shaped Atlanta Stadium was a hub of evangelism for one week as Billy Graham conducted a Crusade in this city which is the hub of the South. With a cumulative attendance of 268,500, the Crusade was one of the largest the evangelist has ever conducted in the States in a week or less.

The crowds came despite a city bus strike, rainy weather, and hot weather. The meetings were originally scheduled in Atlanta's new downtown arena, the Omni, which seats less than 18,000. The executive committee decided to move to the stadium, and the average nightly attendance was 38,000.

Atlanta businessman Tom Cousins, who was chairman of the executive committee, said at the concluding meeting, "Atlanta will never be the same again."

One reason the South's crossroads

city will be different is that a total of 9,735 decisions for Christ were registered during the week. Over 70% of those were under the age of 25.

Another reason there is likely to be some change in the metropolis is that the executive committee plans to make followup an important phase of its work.

Also adding to the long-term effect of the event will be the graduates of the School of Evangelism conducted in connection with the school. Over 1100 pastors and other Christian leaders took the four-day course.

On the morning after the Crusade's conclusion, the press reported that there was a "hard to believe zero" crime rate in the stadium vicinity during Crusade hours. Police said there were no muggings or other crimes in the area which is usually a high-crime area. Many people stay away from athletic events because of the vicinity's reputation for assaults.

Convention Board Elected As Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. Earl Kelly, of Jackson, pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church since 1967, on July 5 was unanimously elected as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, according to Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, of Tupelo, president of the Board.

Dr. Kelly was elected by the 100-member board at a special called meeting of the body held for the purpose of considering the election of an executive secretary-treasurer to succeed Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, who will retire on Nov. 13 of this year.

According to action of the board in 1971 the body's nine-man Executive Committee was given the responsibility of nominating to the Convention

Board a person to fill the office of Executive Secretary-Treasurer "when such vacancy occurs."

Dr. Hudgins announced his retirement earlier this year since he was approaching the mandatory retirement age for board personnel and his retirement was set for Tuesday evening, Nov. 13, 1973, at the opening night session of the State Convention.

The report of the Executive Committee was made by Glenn Perry, Philadelphia, vice-chairman of the Executive Committee, who said that while Dr. Kelly was chairman of the committee, the group was submitting the name of Dr. Kelly over his objections because "it felt that Dr. Kelly was, because of training, experience, knowledge of the work and commitment to the cause, the best qualified person for the position." Mr. Perry described Dr. Kelly as a man of deep spiritual character.

Dr. Kelly's tenure of service will become effective Nov. 14 but beginning Aug. 16 he will assume the position of executive secretary-treasurer, in order to use this period to become familiar with the duties, working closely with the retiring executive secretary-treasurer, so that an orderly transition of leadership can be made.

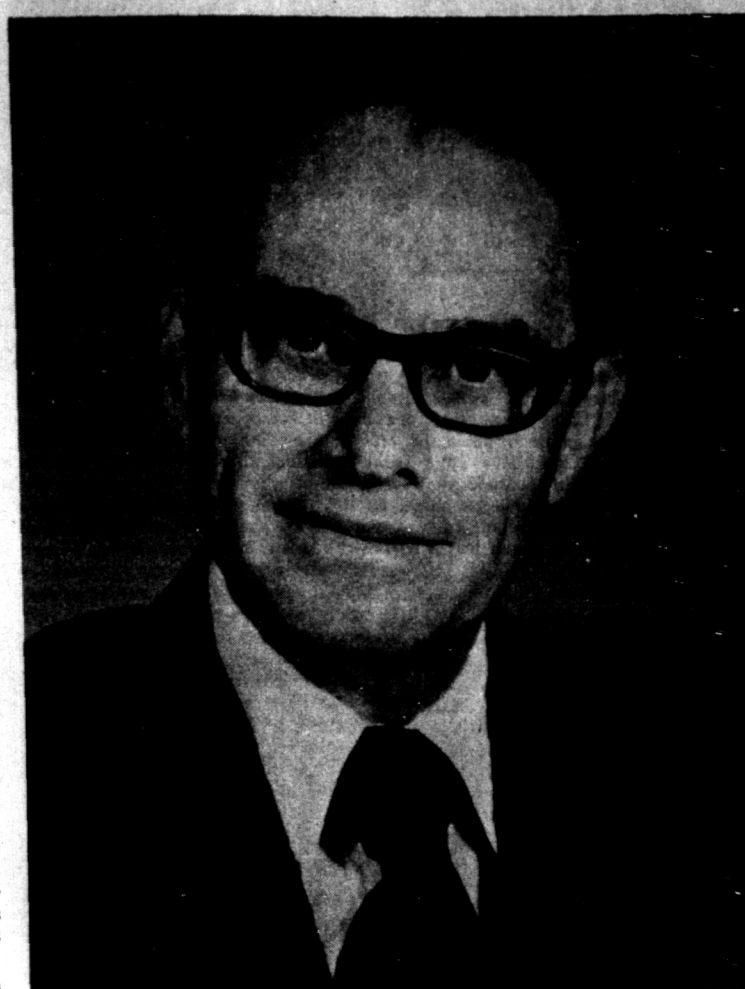
After his election Dr. Kelly was called to the meeting of the board and formally accepted the new position, "covenanting the prayers of all Mississippi Baptists and declaring his desire to work cooperatively with Dr. Hudgins."

He pledged to magnify dignity for the position and glory to Christ. He said he "wanted to draw all Mississippi Baptists together and to great heights" and then thanked the board for its confidence in him.

Dr. Kelly, age 50, is a native of Ecu and holds the A. A. degree from Mississippi Delta Junior College, (formerly Sunflower Jr. College), Moorhead; the B. A. degree from Mississippi College and both the Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Kelly came to the Ridgecrest pastorate from the First Baptist Church of Holly Springs and prior to that was pastor of Sand Creek Baptist Church, Greensburg, Ind., and associate pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo.

Dr. Kelly is active in both Missis-



DR. EARL KELLY

issippi Baptist life as well as that of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Presently he is a member of the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission, and has been a member of Board of trustees and executive committee of the Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Previously he has served as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and has been a member of the board of trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

Dr. Kelly has traveled extensively and conducted revivals on Southern Baptist mission fields. He is in demand as an evangelist, Bible conference speaker and as a humorist.

He is married to the former Amanda Harding of Cottage Grove, Tenn. They have four children: Three sons, Barry (deceased); Dana, 15, Brian, 7, and one daughter, Kay, 6.

Ridgecrest Baptist Church has shown a substantial growth and development under Dr. Kelly's leadership.

There was one nomination from the floor, that of Dr. Carl E. Bates, a native of Liberty and now pastor of First Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C., made by Rev. Millard Purl of Gloster.

The vote was taken and the election was in favor of Dr. Kelly. Immediately another motion was made to make the vote for Dr. Kelly unanimous and it was enthusiastically done.

A member of the Executive Committee said that "Dr. Hudgins has brought to the office of executive secretary-treasurer of the board great distinction by his sincere and capable leadership."

"His dynamic spiritual leadership has brought a spirit of unity to Mississippi Baptists, and his mature fiscal leadership has been unsurpassed. We are thankful to God for having given us this man."

Dr. Hudgins became executive secretary in February, 1969 following a period of several months in which he had served as interim executive secretary while he was still pastor of First Baptist Church and at the time chairman of the executive committee of the board.

The work and program of the board has shown steady and substantial growth under the leadership of Dr. Hudgins.

This year's Cooperative Program budget of \$5,200,000 is the largest in history and presently plans are in the making to rebuild Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, practically destroyed by Hurricane Camille.

Many improvements in the work of the board have been evident under Dr. Hudgins' leadership.

Dr. Hudgins succeeded Dr. Chester L. Quarles, who had served as executive secretary-treasurer since 1950 until he died in 1968 while on a mission tour of South America.

Dr. Hudgins served the First Baptist Church of Jackson from 1946 until he resigned that pastorate "with regrets" in February of 1969 to accept the post for the state board.

O'Brien Named As BP News Editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Robert J. O'Brien of Dallas, press director for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has been named News Editor for Baptist Press, the news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He will begin his duties in Nashville on August 15, according to W. C. Fields, O'Brien, director of Baptist Press.

O'Brien joined the Texas Baptist staff in 1968 after three years as an editor of youth publications with the Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis. He succeeds James R. Newton who moved to the Brotherhood Commission staff on June 25.

Previously, O'Brien was a police, sports, and general assignment reporter and religion editor for five years with daily newspapers in Newport News and Richmond, Va.

A native of South Carolina, O'Brien is a graduate of Washington and Lee

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Editorials Describe 1973 SBC

By The Baptist Press

"PORTLAND — Southern Baptists met in the Rose City of the Northwest and came out smelling like one."

With that editorial comment, the Christian Index of Georgia evaluated the 116th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Portland.

Virtually the same comment, with 15 variations, appeared in most of the other Baptist state paper editorials describing the convention in Portland.

Almost all the editorials agreed: it was a peaceful, harmonious convention. "It was the quietest session in well over a decade," noted the Baptist Courier of South Carolina.

"Some will term it 'peaceful,' 'bland,' 'harmonious,' or 'non newsworthy,'" observed Christian Index editor Jack Harwell. "My own description is...rosy."

The Indiana Baptist described the convention as "calm, clean, and unified as a northwest mountain stream," and contrasted the spirit of the Portland convention with the 1970 convention in Denver characterized by "catcalls, booings of speakers, personal attacks, and overall bitterness."

"In fact," added the Indiana Baptist, "the messengers' activities and attitudes were so calm some might describe the convention as indifferent or at least apathetic."

It was so quiet that some ventured the opinion "that we were in a 'tranquilized seizure,'" observed the Ohio Baptist Messenger.

The Mississippi Baptist Record took issue, however, with those who concluded that because of the "tranquilized" quietness, there was a "changed mood" among the messengers.

"While it was calm when compared to some recent conventions, this simply was because no major controversial issue came before it," said the Baptist Record. "These 1973 Southern Baptist messengers were just what they needed."

The Mississippi editorial noted that the concerns of the messengers, as always, included the proclamation of the Bible, preaching, evangelism, strengthening the churches and establishing more, and promotion of righteousness.

The Western Recorder of Kentucky pointed out that "no convention in recent years went as begging for important issues to debate as this one."

The editorial comments reflecting the convention generally did not de-

bate the issues, few as they were, which arose at the convention. Only a few of the editorials dealt with the merits or demerits of convention decisions, and even fewer said whether they agreed or disagreed with the decisions.

Among 15 editorials carried the week after the convention, only three major decisions drew comment by more than a half dozen editorials. Those three topics included two resolutions, one on women's liberation and the other on the war in Southeast Asia, and the refusal by the SBC to dissolve the Stewardship Commission and assign its work to the SBC Executive Committee.

In a unique appraisal, the California Southern Baptist interpreted the anti-women's liberation move-

ment resolution as a rejection of a subtle endorsement of ordination of women as ministers or deacons by the resolutions committee.

The convention rejected the resolutions committee statement in favor of the original submitted by Mrs. Richard Sappington of Houston, who pointed out that Christ is the head of the man and man is the head of woman. The resolutions committee statement left this out, and asked the messengers "to give full recognition to: women in leadership roles in church and denominational life."

The California Southern Baptists interpreted this statement to be an endorsement of ordination of women, even though the issue of ordination was not spelled out.

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Cooperative Receipts Continue To Increase

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the first six months of this year, through June, totaled \$2,691,506, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This is a gain of \$346,404 or 14.8 percent over the \$2,345,102 given the same period of 1972, Dr. Hudgins added.

Receipts for June totaled \$410,013, an increase of \$32,976 or 8.7 percent over the \$377,037 given in June of last year.

Educators Plan 1976 National Convocation

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—A national colloquium on Christian education will be sponsored by the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in June, 1976, coinciding with the bicentennial celebration of the Declaration of Independence.

The meeting will seek to affirm the unique role of Christian education and mobilize the resources of Southern Baptists in support of their seminaries, colleges and schools, according to Ben C. Fisher, executive secretary of the commission.

The Education Commission, a Southern Baptist Convention national agency which promotes the work of Baptist schools, also authorized the formulation of advisory teams made up of Baptist college personnel to assist Baptist institutions in meeting and maintaining accreditation requirements.

The action came on an appeal by Thomas Turner, chairman of the science department, Wake Forest University, and an internationally known physicist.

A major factor stressed by Turner was the need for assisting Baptist institutions to state more adequately their Christian pur-

pose and to stress the importance of relating Christian purpose to the life of the institution.

The commission requested its staff to evaluate potential dangers to Baptist institutions in various tax reform proposals and to work with appropriate agencies to register Baptist concerns.

The action followed a statement on the possible threat to Baptist schools presented to the commission by Lewis Nobles, president of Mississippi College.

In a related meeting, the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, made up of representatives of 15 institutions, reaffirmed its commitment to academic excellence as a major supporting element in Southern Baptist life and work.

Elton Trueblood, Quaker theologian, delivered three addresses to the association. He warned that the Christian college is in grave danger and called on Baptist leaders in higher education to take an aggressive stance in preserving their tradition.

"Don't be ashamed of either piety or intellectual toughness!" Trueblood said.

A plan for collaboration in student re-

cruitment between the Baptist Sunday School Board and the colleges was presented to the Education Commission by Allen Comish, director of the board's church services and materials division. The plan involves more extensive use of board publications for wider dissemination of information on Baptist colleges, and the utilization of Baptist students as summer workers in churches.

Earl Guinn, president of Louisiana College, was elected to succeed William K. Weaver, Jr., president of Mobile College, as chairman of the Education Commission.

Mrs. Mary Crowley, a business woman from Dallas, Texas, was named commission vice chairman.

George Capps, pastor, First Baptist Church, Cookeville, Tennessee, was re-elected secretary.

Abner McCall, president of Baylor University, was elected president of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools.

Randall K. Minor, president of Shorter College, was named association vice president. H. I. Hester was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Carey Goes Over The Top In Million Dollar Drive



Carey College honored six men on Friday at a special Victory Dinner at which time announcement was made of the successful completion of the 1973 Million Dollar Development Program. Campaign leaders were, from left: John D. Thomas, Louis Scott, Wiley Fairchild, Paul McMullan, Gordon White, and Dr. J. M. Ernest.

Victory was sweet on the William Carey College campus today as the announcement was made of the successful completion of the 1973 Million Dollar Development Campaign begun in April of this year. It was the largest campaign ever attempted in Hattiesburg and, according to a report from campaign officials, the million dollar goal was reached and passed.

At a special Victory Luncheon held at noon for campaign workers, city and county officials and members of the press, Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president of the college, presented campaign chairman Paul McMullan who made the dramatic announcement that a total of \$1,051,957 has been received in cash and pledges. The funds were pledged for the purpose of building and renovations, for

scholarships and endowments and for various other projects.

"We are both extremely proud and humbled by the rapid and successful manner in which this campaign was successfully completed," commented Dr. Noonkester. He presented Carey trustee chairman, Wiley Fairchild, who made plaque awards to the five major campaign leaders for "outstanding service" to the success of the campaign. The recipients included: Paul McMullan, general chairman; John D. Thomas, advanced gifts chairman; Gordon White, special friends division; Louis Scott, alumni campaign chairman; and Dr. J. M. Ernest, Carey faculty and staff chairman. Wiley Fairchild was given a plaque by Dr. Noonkester for distinguished service as trustee president

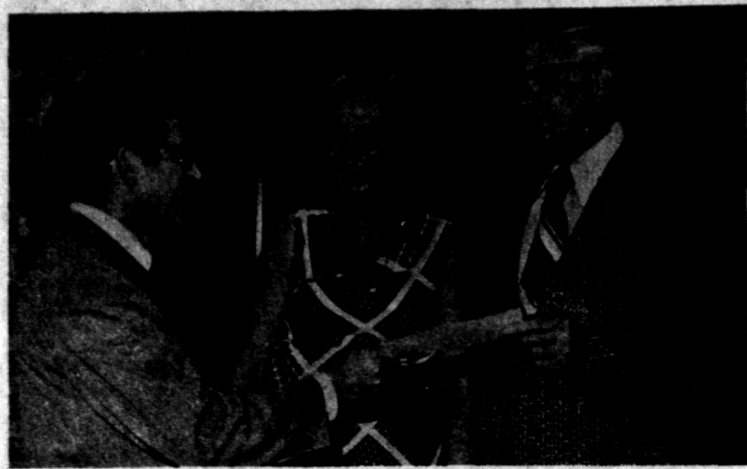
during the campaign.

Also participating in the victory celebration at noon were Dr. John Barnes, pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, and Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church. The ministers provided the invocation and the benediction, respectively.

A large portion of the funds raised during the campaign will be used to completely renovate Tatum Court, Carey's oldest and most prestigious building, making it into a modern, functional administrative center. Another large portion will go towards the erection of a new business administration building to house the greatly enlarged enrollment in business and economics. Still other funds were specifically designated as scho-

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Wm. Carey Goes Over The Top



Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Morgan of Petal, right, proudly present the check above that carried Carey College's 1973 Million Dollar Development Program over the top! Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president of the school, accepts the donation. Funds have come in since the Morgan's pledge to bring the campaign total to date to \$1,051,957.00. In a special announcement Carey trustees reported that the athletic field at Carey has been officially named for Mr. and Mrs. Morgan and will be called H. R. Morgan Field. Morgan is president of Enviro-Management, Inc. of Petal. The Morgans are members of Main Street Baptist Church in Hattiesburg.



Over 50 alumni of William Carey College were involved during June in phoning 2600 former students across the nation on behalf of the 1973 Million Dollar Development Campaign of the college. Even the president of Carey and his wife got "in on the act" as telephones rang in 50 states. Shown above standing from left: Mrs. Ralph Noonkester and Dr. Noonkester. Seated, Mrs. Rose West, Dr. Dorman Laird and Mac Ernest.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SAID TO BE LAST HOPE FOR PAROCHIAL AID

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (RNS)—A constitutional amendment may be the only way to provide public assistance for non-public schools, Caspar W. Weinberger, Secretary of the U.S. Health, Education and Welfare Department, said here.

Mr. Weinberger said the U.S. Supreme Court's decision striking down four state private school aid laws makes it "very difficult to provide general support to non-public schools."

He said some experimental voucher projects, and programs in which public and private schools share textbooks and other equipment are the only private school aid plans untouched by the Court decision.

Although the Court's decision was limited to four states, Mr. Weinberger said it appears that it is "no longer possible to provide assistance through tax credits or tuition reimbursement."

The HEW secretary said "substantial interest in a constitutional amendment" has been evident in Washington since the Court's decision.

Head Of State, Liberia, Preaches At First, Dallas

DALLAS (RNS)—Dr. William Tolbert, Jr., president of the Republic of Liberia, became the first head of state ever to preach at First Baptist church of Dallas, the largest Southern Baptist church in the world.

In a sermon delivered in the church pastored by Dr. W. A. Ciriwell, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Tolbert, who is an ordained Baptist minister, said, "Every Christian as a witness is challenged to be a missionary for Christ, irrespective of race, geographical location, language, or culture."

The black head of state, who was believed to be the first black person ever to preach at an 11 a.m. Sunday service at the church, declared that "the Christian church must maintain its role in human affairs... and it must be bold, courageous, consistent, positive, and unequivocal in its actions."

Dr. Tolbert urged Christians to proclaim love and justice instead of hate and injustice, and to decry the "discrimination, racism and hate (throughout the world) that is causing so much strife, havoc and conflict."

In an interview, Dr. Tolbert, who is the immediate past-president of the Baptist World Alliance, said that Christians must first understand and sympathize with people where they are and then "minister to the whole needs of such people through a 'whole salvation' program."

The Liberian president suggested that U.S. churches "can do much to expound the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world and the relationship of that message to the needs of the total man. If we would just get the spirit of Christ, we would have a better world. That's what the world needs now, the spirit of Christ, which brings changes in man to have understanding and love."

GEORGETOWN, Guyana — Baptists here have sponsored the first Royal Ambassador (mission organization for boys) camp in the country with 40 boys attending.

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"The continued success of our college's development program is assured," commented Dr. Noonkester, "by the coming to us officially this month of our first Vice-president for Development, Dr. Hugh Dickens. The success of our 1973 campaign, and the positive planning for the future which Dr. Dickens will be directing, give us enthusiasm for the days ahead that eclipse all our successes of the past. We are indebted beyond words to our many faithful and generous supporters. We pledge our continued efforts to make William Carey College a private institution of higher learning of which all of the area can be justifiably proud."

'Apathy, But Hope' Describe Race Relations In U. S.

By David Goech
RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP) — Apathy, inactivity, regression, mingled with some signs of hope characterize race relations in America today, participants in a Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission Conference were told here.

"Much of the apathy and inactivity in racial affairs is the result of the widespread belief by white America that since the riots have stopped, the problems are solved," said Larry McSwain, assistant professor of church and community at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville.

"America is more segregated than it was five years ago," McSwain observed. "There is more residential segregation and more school segregation than five years ago. The quality of ghetto housing in most cities of the nation is worse than five years ago."

Both McSwain and T. B. Maston, retired professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, cited figures that show that the dollar gap between the average white and black annual income has actually increased during the last decade.

Both were major speakers at the Christian Life Commission-sponsored conference on "Race: New Directions for a New Day," at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center here.

In a paper which presented an overview of "Where We Are in Race Relations," Maston said that while there has been progress—educationally, politically, economically—there is still a long ways to go in bringing an end to racial injustice.

He discussed the current impact of the busing to achieve racial balance in public schools, noting that some say it is a "phony issue" since buses have long been accepted as a part of educational procedure.

Maston said arguments against busing that claim the practice will lower the educational standards for their children "may be a part of the problem that white people in general will have to pay for while for the inferior education that Negro youngsters have received for years in segregated schools."

Almost 40 per cent of all highway deaths occur on weekends — 56 per cent between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., according to statistics compiled by The Travelers Insurance Companies. "Never on weekends" might be a driver motto worth observing.



James Robison Evangelist



John McKay Singer

297 Professions Of Faith During Robison Crusade

The James Robison Crusade for Christ was held in the East Central Junior College football stadium at Decatur, Ga., on the night of July 1. The total crusade attendance exceeded 22,000 and there were more than 600 public professions registered. There were 297 professions of faith.

Thirty-four churches in the county participated in the crusade, and more than 1,000 attended the youth fellowships.

"The impact of the crusade shall be felt throughout our area for months to come," reports the general chairman, Rev. Fred Fowler, pastor, Clarke-Venable Memorial Church.

"Make it a habit — economize on the time spent complaining." — Mrs. Gary Hiett, The Pickens (S. C.) Sentinel.



EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM, right, and Home Mission Board Executive Secretary Arthur B. Rutledge view a replica of the table where the secretary sat during the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845. Graham was visiting the Atlanta-based Home Mission Board following a crusade in that city. Atlantans active in the crusade included members of the Board of Directors Russell H. Dilday Jr., pastor of Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, and Harmon Born, president of Beaudry Ford Company.

BAPTIST EDITOR SUGGESTS PRESIDENT TAKE FEWER TRIPS AND SAVE GAS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (RNS)—The editor of the Illinois Baptist has suggested that President Nixon make fewer trips to Florida, California and Camp David (Md.) to give force to his "challenge to Americans to slow down and save energy."

Robert J. Hastings commended the President on his energy messages in a letter (dated June 29) sent to the White House.

"I am sure there are valid reasons for you to rest away from the White House," the editor of the weekly newspaper said. "But this (frequency of travel) seems extreme to me, especially in view of the energy crisis. I am sure it takes thousands of gallons of jet fuel in the course of a year for these trips, including the extra travel of press people, Secret Service, etc."

Mr. Hastings told the President he was not writing "tongue-in-cheek." One way to restore credibility to government is for persons such as yourself to set an example of what they ask other to do." The Illinois Baptist is the paper for Southern Baptists in the state.

Metro Reach: Help Available For Urban Areas

NASHVILLE — Metro Reach, a new plan from the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board to assist churches in urban areas, is now available to metropolitan areas of 500,000 or more.

Reaching persons for Christ and church membership through enlisting more people in exciting Bible Study is the purpose of the plan, a part of the People to People Now emphasis.

The Metro Missions Ministry Strategy Steering Committee of the greater Kansas City area voted recently to recommend to their associations participation in the Metro Reach plan. This makes Kansas City the first metropolitan center in the nation to incorporate Metro Reach as a priority plan. The entire plan will run from 1973 - 1975 in Kansas City.

Gospel Film On "Occult" Now Available

Author Hal Lindsey (Late Great Planet Earth and The Devil Is Alive and Well on Planet Earth) guides viewers to the bizarre world of the Occult declaring it to be not just a passing fad but a vital part of the continuing struggle of Satan to usurp the throne of our eternal God.

Mr. Lindsey declares that in witchcraft, astrology, Ouija Boards and other forms of the Occult, people do experience supernatural phenomenon and that from the ruins of Babylon to Main Street, U.S.A., people are being drawn by mystical voices that call from darkness.

The purpose of the film is to stir up sentiment against the practice of witchcraft and to expose Satanic power that is its root.

The film concludes with a personal explanation of the powers of evil applied to the weakness of man. A young person tells of involvement in ceremonies of witchcraft, demon possession and human sacrifice without feelings of murder or sense of wrong. Then a flashback to lessons learned in Sunday School brought conviction and deliverance through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Written by Marshall Riggan, and produced by The Evangelical Christian Research Foundation, THE OCCULT is being released for showings across North America by Gospel Films, Inc., producers of SO LONG, JOEY!, the story of Dave Boyer, and LIKE A MIGHTY ARMY, the story of Dr. James Kennedy and the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

MEDELLIN, Colombia — Four Southern Baptist missionaries participated in the National Convention of Christian Education here. The interdenominational meeting was the first of its kind in the 125 years Christians have been in Colombia.

Metro Reach is a strategy conducted by the associations in the metropolitan area, the state Sunday School department and the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. It can last from six months to two years and include as many as ten major projects.

"We want to speak to the concern of the Southern Baptist Convention for assistance to churches in metropolitan areas," explained Max Caldwell, consultant in the general officers section of the Sunday School department. "Metro Reach is trying to focus attention on the metropolitan center to assist the church in reaching people."

An important point of the plan is that it can be customized to the needs of each metropolitan center through planning meetings of metro leaders with state Sunday School department personnel and representatives of the Sunday School department of the Sunday School Board.

Because of the complexity and desire to make a major impact on the cities chosen, the Sunday School department of the Board is limiting its involvement to six Metro Reach

Richardson And Rutledge Join Baptist Standard

DALLAS (BP) — Charles Richardson, director of public information at the Southern Baptist Convention, and John Rutledge, a recent journalism graduate of Baylor University, are joining the news staff of the Baptist Standard.

Richardson, 37, has served as public information director twice at Hardin — Simmons — 1965 - 67 and April 1, 1968 until he joins the statewide Texas Baptist news publication, Aug. 1.

Rutledge, 22, winner of a 1972 Baptist Standard scholarship named after the publication's editor emeritus, E. S. James, served on the editorial board of the Baylor Lariat, campus paper of the Baptist school in Waco, Tex. He also worked on the Waco Citizen.



Shiloh Celebrates Freedom From Debt

Shiloh Church (Calhoun), recently celebrated being debt-free with a note-burning service. The new auditorium and educational building valued at \$125,000 were dedicated in 1969. The debt, to have been paid over a ten-year period, was retired in four years. Pictured are members of the Building Committee and those who brought notes to help finance the building. The pastor, Rev. Billy Wells, is lighting the notes.

SBC Mission Gifts Up 5.5 Per Cent At Mid-Year Period

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist annual offering for national mission work at mid-year reached the \$5,728,586 figure, 5.5 percent ahead of this time last year.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here, said the offering had been running only slightly ahead or behind last year until returns in June. That month more than \$2.1 million came to the mission agency.

The offering promoted by Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission, is named the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and receives a heavy March emphasis in the churches.

"We are very encouraged by this healthy increase," Rutledge added, "and it is possible that the goal of \$6.6 million may be reached. If so this will allow the board to make advances in several areas where missionary personnel and resources are needed urgently."

Last year's goal of \$6 million was reached in November, and by December 31 a total of \$6,059,703 was given.

All funds above \$6 million will be divided between starting new churches, television evangelism, Christian social ministries, and the support of special short-term volunteers.

Baptist Board To Handle Spanish Literature Sales

EL PASO, Tex. (BP) — The Baptist Spanish Publishing House here is scheduled to transfer its U. S. retail business to the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board effective Aug. 1.

To facilitate its new responsibilities, the board is establishing a Spanish-English Baptist Book Store here. The store will handle Spanish in 11-order business as well as over-the-counter sales.

The Convention President Speaks

Recently I read in a church bulletin from another state, a story that is a challenge to me. I want to quote it here.

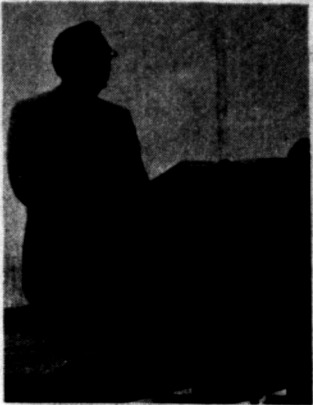
"FROM UNCLE TOM'S SCRAPBOOK

To ridicule the theory of 'It can't be done,' a large manufacturer not long ago posted the following placard where all the workers might see it:

According to the theory of aerodynamics, the bumblebee is unable to fly. This is because the size, weight, and shape of his body in relation to the total wingspread make flying impossible. But the bumblebee, being ignorant of these scientific truths, goes ahead and flies anyway!"

Your state convention, your local Baptist association, your own church, your personal vocation, family, and life have situations that seem insurmountable, nevertheless, there is a way. That way is God's way.

I want to encourage all of you who are "up against it" to turn your face upward, bend your knees, for our Lord has an attentive ear. Also remember that others of us are willing to help if we can. — David Grant.



Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Elects New Executive Secretary-Treasurer In Historic Called Meeting July 5

Several pictures taken during the Convention Board meeting July 5 show some of the highlights. In photo at extreme left Glenna Perry, Philadelphia, vice-chairman of Executive Committee, is seen making report that presented the name of Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, as the group's nominee for Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Seated next to him is Dr. John Barnes, Jr., Hattiesburg, recording secretary. Next photo shows Dr. David Grant, Jackson,

Convention president (left), and Mr. Perry on front row as Dr. Robert Hamblin, Tupelo, board president, took over the chair as the board considered the nomination and subsequent election of Dr. Kelly. In next picture Dr. Kelly (center) is seen making his entry to the meeting after the announcement of his election, escorted by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, retiring Executive Secretary-Treasurer who had telephoned Dr. Kelly and asked him to

come to the board meeting. Next photo shows full board in session and was taken shortly after Dr. Kelly made his acceptance speech. Photo at extreme right shows three leaders conferring just after meeting adjourned. From left: Dr. Kelly; M. F. Rayburn, Meridian, and Dr. Hamblin.

Editorials Describe 1973 SBC Seminary Extension Offers Choices

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The Western Recorder of Kentucky, however, said the women's lib resolution finally adopted was "less than desired," in that it "reflects a legalistic, literal interpretation of the New Testament and only one strand of the New Testament teaching on the role of women instead of the more balanced view expressed in the original resolution" (by the committee).

Concerning the resolution which praised President Nixon for his peace efforts in Southeast Asia, several editorials commented on the convention's refusal to adopt an amendment which would have made clear that the convention did not approve or disapprove of continued bombing in Cambodia.

"This convention was not about to allow itself to be led into making any move which appeared to 'condemn' the present government policies," noted the Baptist Record of Mississippi. The action implied that the convention supports the bombing in Cambodia and other military action, added the Indiana Baptist.

Neither was the convention willing to condemn any government official involved in the Watergate scandal, calling only for "morality in government," pointed out the Baptist Standard of Texas. The Indiana Baptist added that an amendment adopted by the convention called for the "just prosecution of persons from any political party who are found guilty of malfeasance, and the Baptist Standard observed that "speakers from the floor apparently overlooked the fact there have been convictions for burglary."

The Alabama Baptist attributed the peace and harmony at the convention partly to the constant exposure of Watergate on television and "a weariness of debate and scandal on the part of the people."

Commenting on the debate tactics used in the convention's rejection of a motion to abolish the Stewardship Commission, the Baptist New Mexican decried the argument that to take the action would cause a concentration of power in the SBC Executive Committee.

"This blow at the Executive Committee is unwarranted," the Baptist New Mexican said. "To take this sort of lick at this hard-working committee and thus at its executive secretary was totally uncalled for." The editorial did not speak for or against the proposal, but against the "manner in which its opponents attacked it."

Several editorials, including the Capital Baptist and Florida Baptist Witness, predicted that the issue is now dead and will not come up again, or at least for several years. The Rocky Mountain Baptist of Colorado called it a wise decision.

Praise for Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., as president of the convention appeared in more editorials than probably any other single topic. "He presided over the sessions with unquestioned firmness," observed the Religious Herald of Virginia. "His presidential address was one of the best ever heard," added the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger.

"He was gracious and fair," pointed out the Christian Index. "He was humble and warm. He grows in stature as one of the truly great laymen in Southern Baptist history."

Praise also went to the city of Portland for their hospitality and facilities. The Kentucky Western Recorder called Portland "a delightful host city," and contrasted the "cordiality and warmth" of Portland bus and hotel delivery, hotel personnel, and residents to treatment in some cities like Detroit and Philadelphia.

Several other editorials commented on the effect the convention would have on strengthening Baptist work in Portland and the Northwest. Observed the Pacific Coast Baptist, the

state paper of the Northwest Convention: "The Northwest Baptist Convention can never be the same after hosting the Southern Baptist Convention. It was a great experience for our people."

Most of the editorials agreed it was a good experience for everyone. Editorials in the Georgia, Colorado and Florida papers pointed out that despite the lack of controversial issues, it was a constructive convention. "A convention, to be constructive, does not have to be explosive," observed the Florida Baptist Witness.

The Kentucky Western Recorder

described it as pleasant and enjoyable, but would not be recorded "as a significant one." But Southern Baptists "need a Portland-like convention occasionally — one to be enjoyed precisely for not having difficult issues to deal with," the Western Recorder concluded.

The Ohio Baptist Messenger summed it up in the words of President Cooper: "The world will neither remember what we do here or say here in convention. But it will be remembered as a convention by what we say and do when we leave here."

O'Brien Is Named News Editor Of Baptist Press

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University, Lexington, Va., with a double major in journalism and history. He was named by Sigma Delta Chi as the outstanding journalism graduate of the school in 1961.

He received a Master of Science in Journalism, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., in 1962.

O'Brien will be responsible for news stories released daily through Baptist Press to the 33 Baptist state papers, the religious press, and to the secular news media.

Baptist Press is a cooperative news operation among Southern Baptists, involving five bureaus, approximately 300 Baptist news and public relations personnel, numerous "stringers" or part-time correspondents, plus press representatives in 76 countries around the world.

"We are fortunate to have coming

to the staff a young man with such a broad background of special training and experience," Fields said.

"We expect to add a Feature Editor to the Baptist Press staff to work along beside Mr. O'Brien beginning October 1st," Fields added.

O'Brien is an accredited member of the Public Relations Society of America, Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism society; Baptist Public Relations Association; Southern Baptist Press Association; and was president-elect of the Dallas chapter of the Religious Public Relations Council, an international inter-faith public relations organization.

He is married to the former Shirley Bradley of Amherst, Va. They have two sons, Eric Bradley, age 4 and Paul Bradley, age 2.

Text Available For 1974 JBS

NASHVILLE — "Colossians: Christ Above All," by Harold S. Songer, has been announced as the text for January Bible Study, 1974, in Southern Baptist Churches.

Songer, who has had numerous other writing assignments for the Sunday School Board, is director of professional studies, School of Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The book, available July 1, discusses areas where the world of first century Colosse and twentieth century America intersect. Some points considered are permissiveness in sexual morality, fascination with astrology,

demonology and the spirit world and the combination of different forms of religious thoughts.

Other areas which are similar to both time periods are confusion of roles within marriage and disintegration of family life.

Also discussed by Songer are the usual problems encountered in churches of any era. Among those problems are friction developing between interacting church members, worldly values in the Christian setting and the challenge of personal suffering to Christian belief in the goodness of God.

The book of Colossians is actually a letter from Paul, who was in jail to the Colossians, who were experiencing problems within their church. The fact that Paul was able to show concern for them while undergoing such personal persecution was in itself a great testimony of Paul's selflessness.

One million people are projected to attend January Bible Study, the largest week of concerted Bible study in Southern Baptist churches.

Pastor Dies At 47

Rev. Terry James Howard, 47, died July 3 at Baptist Hospital, Jackson, after a heart attack. He had been hospitalized for about two weeks and had suffered two previous attacks in recent months.

Funeral services were held July 5 from Main Street Church, Mendenhall, where Mr. Howard has been pastor for the past three years. Rev. James Smith and Rev. Charles Pigott officiated.

Mr. Howard was manager of the Sunflower Food Store in Mendenhall, as well as pastor of the Main Street Church. Born in Blue Mountain, he was reared in Ashland. He graduated from William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary.

After surrendering to preach late in life (1961) he served the following churches: Ft. Pike, New Orleans; Big Creek, Calhoun City; Rock Hill, Mt. Olive; and Main Street, Mendenhall. He has served in the Navy for eight years.

Survivors include: his wife, Mrs. Clara Howard; two daughters, Theresa Nan Howard, 18, and Patricia Ann Howard, 15, both of Mendenhall; two half-brothers, Lawrence Bright of Memphis, Marvin Bright of Ashland; and one half-sister, Mrs. Ruth Buchanan of Memphis.

Arkansas College Names Nicholas New President

WALNUT RIDGE, Ark. (BP) — Trustees of Southern Baptist College here have elected D. Jack Nicholas, 40-year-old chairman of the Baptist junior college's department of psychology, as president of the school, effective July 1.

Nicholas, who has also served as executive vice president of Southern Baptist College, will succeed H. E. Williams who is retiring after 32 years as president. Williams is the first and only previous president of the school.

NASHVILLE — Raymond M. Rigdon, director of the Seminary Extension Department of the six Southern Baptist seminaries, has announced a variety of enrollment options for the department's Home Study Institute. The choices follow:

1—Single Course Enrollment. Students enroll for each course they select. Tuition is paid with the application for enrollment.

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3—Certificate Program Enrollment (Total Payment). Students enroll for a 16-course program of study resulting in a Seminary Extension certificate upon satisfactory completion.

Tuition is paid with the application for enrollment. Courses are provided one at a time, however.

4—Certificate Program Enrollment (Deferred Payment). Students enroll for the same program as in 3 above, but the payment is different. Only \$50 must accompany the application for enrollment, with additional \$50 payments scheduled near the completion of the third, sixth, ninth, and twelfth courses.

"We believe these options will greatly enhance the attractiveness of our self-study program done at home," said Dr. Rigdon. "This flexibility should appeal to many who until now

have had to fill out application forms for every course they desired to take."

For additional information, contact: Dr. J. Ralph Hardee, Seminary Extension Department, Southern Baptist Convention Building, P. O. Box 1411, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Southern Baptist missionary Leroy Hogue and a team of Chinese pastors have surveyed PengHu County to investigate the possibility of initiating Baptist work there. PengHu is the only county without a Baptist witness in free China, reports Corella Ricketson, missionary press representative for Taiwan. The area consists of a group of islands lying southwest of mainland Taiwan known as the Pescadores. According to Hogue, the PengHu population of some 100,000 appears to be sophisticated and more superstitious than those of rural Taiwan. "I have never seen so many temples in any one place," he says. There has been Christian work in PengHu for over 80 years. However, the survey team noted that a number of churches had been abandoned in the smaller villages. The pioneer Baptist work will be a joint effort of the Taiwan Baptist Convention, the Taiwan Baptist Mission and the Kaohsiung City Baptist Church.

Missionary And Pastor Survive Crash Of Russian Jet Plane

AMMAN, Jordan—Southern Baptist missionary Joseph A. Newton and local Baptist pastor Fawwaz Omeish, were among the 79 passengers who survived a Soviet airliner crash here June 30.

Newton and Omeish both received only minor injuries as the Russian Aeroflot TU-134 jet crashed into a house upon takeoff from the Amman airport on a scheduled flight to Beirut. Eight were killed in the accident.

Newton is the first Southern Baptist missionary involved in a plane crash since missionary Julius R. Hickerson Jr., missionary to Colombia, was killed in a flight from Cali to Cartagena in 1951.

Newton, who was appointed in 1965, is a specialist in education in the Amman Baptist Elementary School. Omeish is pastor of a Baptist church in Amman and former president of the executive committee of the Jordan Baptist Convention.

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EDITORIAL

New Mississippi Baptist Leader Chosen

Mississippi Baptists have a new Executive Secretary - Treasurer for their convention board. He is Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgecrest Church in Jackson, who was elected by the board last week. He will assume office during the state convention in November, taking the place of Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, who comes to retirement at that time.

Old Cherry Creek Baptist Church in Pontotoc Association once again has provided leadership for Mississippi Baptists.

It was in 1877 that Dr. J. B. Gambrell, at that time pastor of the Oxford Baptist Church, was elected as first editor of the newly launched publication, the Baptist Record. He had been ordained at Cherry Creek in 1867.

During the ensuing years the church has sent forth other leaders. Among them were Miss Pearl Caldwell, who served for many years as missionary to China, and the father and mother of the Leavells who made such a record in Mississippi and Southern Baptist life.

Now, about a hundred years after Dr. Gambrell came out of the background of this church to Mississippi Baptist and Southern Baptist leadership, Cherry Creek has furnished another leader. Dr. Earl Kelly was baptized by that church and ordained in it.

Dr. Kelly was educated in the public schools of Ecu, Sunflower Junior College, Mississippi College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. At Louisville he earned his Th. M. and Th.D. degrees.

Dr. Kelly has served as pastor in one of the strong county seat towns of North Mississippi, at First Church, Holly Springs.

For the past several years he has pastored one of the larger churches in Jackson, Ridgecrest. He will come from this pastorate to the new position.

He was associate pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo for a brief period, and for six years was pastor of Sandcreek Baptist Church in Greens-

burg, Indiana. He served there while attending the seminary.

He has been very active in Mississippi Baptist life, having served two years as president of the convention, as a member of the state convention board, and as a member of, and now, chairman of, the board's Executive Committee.

In the Southern Baptist Convention he was for a number of years a member of the Board of Trustees of Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C., and has served on several other important committees. He has been widely used as an evangelist and Bible teacher, and served on the faculty of the recent Sunday School Board supported, Nationwide Bible Conference in Memphis.

He has written extensively, and his commentary on the book of James was published about three years ago. He also wrote one chapter of the History of Mississippi Baptist which was published last year.

As a Bible scholar, as a preacher, as a pastor, as a participant and leader in denominational affairs, and as one who has a thorough understanding of Mississippi Baptist life, Dr. Kelly comes well equipped for his new position.

Furthermore, the broad scope of his pastoral leadership, and his experience in passing through the actual crucible of personal sorrow, both aided in preparing him to better serve all Mississippi Baptists. He understands the churches and their problems; he is familiar with the convention and its ministry, and he has a warm heart of concern that reaches out to people. His thorough training, his deep dedication and his manifest spirituality, all add to his fitness for his new responsibilities.

Dr. Kelly also will have great strength for his work in his family, for his wife, Amanda, is a dedicated Christian leader in her own right, and a devoted wife and mother. As she has stood by his side in his ministry

through the years, so she will be there now, in her new role as first lady of Mississippi Baptists. The Kellys have three children. They lost an older son several years ago.

Dr. Kelly will come to his new position at a challenging moment in Mississippi Baptist history. Under the leadership of Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, whom he will succeed, and before him, Dr. Chester L. Quarles, the convention has reached a position of strength such as it has not had before in its history. Dr. Quarles led in a great expansion of the convention's program, and Dr. Hudgins stabilized that program, and undergirded its financial structure. Their tremendous leadership was preceded by that of such outstanding men as D. A. McCall, R. B. Gunter, Nelson T. Tull, and J. B. Lawrence, and others who preceded them. Never, however, has the future looked brighter for Mississippi Baptists.

At the proper time we shall give a more complete and more formal recognition to the coming of Dr. Kelly to his new position. For the present, we simply say that we feel that he is "God's man for the hour."

Outstanding Layman Retires

Purser Hewitt, for the past several years Executive Editor of the Clarion-Ledger, Jackson's morning newspaper, retired on July 1. He had been on the staff of the paper for almost half a century.

Mr. Hewitt is the son of the late Dr. W. A. Hewitt, long pastor of Jackson's First Baptist Church. He not only has been one of the state's best known newsmen of this generation, but also has been an outstanding Christian layman.

Space does not allow us to comment on his accomplishments in the field of journalism, other than to say that for many years Mississippians have seen the Southern Baptist Convention and other important Baptist meetings through the eyes of this splendid editor. Perhaps no state in the convention has had a fairer and clearer presentation and interpretation of Baptist affairs. This was because of Mr. Hewitt's intimate knowledge of the convention and its program, his participation in it, and his ability to correctly analyze and evaluate each situation.

For several terms Mr. Hewitt served on the Advisory Committee of the Baptist Record and three, and probably four, different editors have profited from his knowledge of the field of journalism, and his wisdom in the coverage of the news. This editor ever will be grateful for the personal contribution he has made to the Record in recent years.

Mr. Hewitt has left his footprints on Baptist life in numerous ways. He has been an dedicated worker in his church, and at the same time has given a solid Christian witness in community affairs. He has been very active in the Mississippi Baptist Convention, having served as president for two terms, and also on numerous boards and committees. He was the first Mississippi layman to be named to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, and gave outstanding service there. He has served on other important SBC boards and committees, his latest being on the board of trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

As he comes to retirement we salute Mr. Hewitt for the tremendous contribution he has made to Baptist life both within the state and beyond its borders. We pray that God's richest blessings will be upon him in these retirement years.

ed, scripture based meditations, are taken from the "charges" which this beloved secretary of missions has been making to new missionaries at appointment time. They are brief; they are scriptural; they are pointed and direct; and they are from the heart. A man who has given his life to missions speaks to others who have answered God's call to missions. These messages overflow, for they reach far beyond those to whom they were delivered, to the rest of us, who also have a call to be "missionary" even though God may never ask us to go to a field. The heartbeat of a great Christian leader is felt in these pages.

THE SURVIVAL STRATEGIES OF A COMPLEX ORGANIZATION by Maurice J. Anderson (Author, P. O. Box 7175, Monroe, La. paper, 187 pp., \$3.95 cloth, \$6.95). The story of Hong Kong Baptist College, told by a missionary who helped build it. "A sociological analysis of the survival strategies of a complex organization in a foreign country cultural setting." The college is a western - type college in an eastern setting, and has grown from 150 students to nearly 12,000 in a twelve year period. This story relates how it was done. The book is scholarly in its presentation, rather than a mere historical account, but is an interesting story.



Part Of His Great Legacy



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilde Fancher

It is interesting to note responses when I make the statement that I must get a column written.

If I said it to students during the school years, they inevitably said, "Write about us."

"If I say it to James, he nearly always suggests something like, 'Write that women ought to keep their husbands a clean house' or 'Write about how unfair women are to themselves when they gain too much weight' or 'Write about all the times joy and happiness are mentioned in the Bible.'"

If our youngest, James, hears me, he suggests I write about some individual, someone he has heard something especially interesting about or who has recently done something noteworthy.

If our middle one, Frank, hears me, he rarely suggests any title, simply makes some remark like, "That's breaks." or, "So what else is new?"

If our oldest one, Bobby, hears me, he says, without variation, "Write about Job." I never have figured that one out, but I intend to try it one of these days.

Right now I don't want to write about any of those things. I want to write about peace in an individual's heart when things outside are not peaceful. So many people I see give the appearance of being absolutely void of peace.

Peace is not a blinded stance which one takes and then positions his face in a far-away smile, while the eyes avoid all the turbulence around the world. Rather, I think peace may sometimes show evidence of fear. One cannot look at all the evil in the world and not be afraid, but one can surely look at all the evil in the world and say, "God being my helper, this evil will not consume me while I live. And God, Being Who He is, it cannot consume me after I die."

On one of the days last month when the machine which records probabilities of tornadoes recorded such a possibility over the area where we live and it got so dark that the vapor light outside came on at 2:30 that afternoon, I walked out onto our patio and looked up at the tops of the ancient, tall pine trees in our backyard swayed back and forth across what seemed to be a thirty to forty foot width, almost getting tangled with each other as the wind snarled through them. As I looked at them, I knew they could come crashing down on our house, demolishing it, on me, killing me. I knew that the wind could pick me up and carry me over the tops of those trees. Yet, knowing that all this could happen, and that it might happen, I still had a peace in the recess of my mind and heart, where it counts. For I knew that if we and all we possess were to be reduced to smithereens, there would still be God. Since no philosophy or atheism or any other ideology has been able to reduce God to smithereens, I can trust Him to keep His promises of eternity.

When I look at all the evil in the world, I can liken it to that afternoon, and know that even after all the evil in the world, there will still be God.

It really is a peace that passeth understanding, but it doesn't pass enjoying!

THESE TEN WORDS by Roy L. Honeycutt (Broadman, 128 pp., paper \$1.95).

A professor at Midwestern Seminary studies the place of the Ten Commandments in modern life. The exposition is thorough and the application is clear. The author shows that these principles are needed today even as they were long ago.

THE NEW JOHNNY CASH by Charles Paul Conn (Revell, 95 pp., \$2.95).

A moving story of what Christ means to and has done for one of our modern day most popular entertainers. Christ made Johnny Cash a new man and this story gives witness to that change.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Mississippi Sailors On Ships In Greece

In the land where democracy first struck root and where the Apostle Paul visited some ten cities, Greece is now the land where the U.S. Navy's destroyer-squadron 12 of the 6th fleet is homeported. Destroyer-squadron 12 consists of six destroyers: USS Sampson, USS Barry, USS Wood, USS Manley, USS Vreeland and USS Page. On board each of the ships is a crew of about 275 men, including officers.

The ships even though stationed in Athens, Greece, continually sail to many other ports of other countries in the Mediterranean. This lends for an added enhancement of education, insight into other cultural differences, and for fun and excitement.

Religiously, the crew on each of the ships represents a cross section of the religious groups in the United States. Generally, the break-down percentage of the crew's population in each ship is about one-third Roman Catholic with the balance of the two thirds being Protestant, Jewish, Mormon, Christian Science, Muslim, Greek Eastern Orthodox, and Bahai.

Furthering the breakdown in the Protestant group, the Southern Baptists are the largest body, numbering anywhere from 20 to 30 on each ship, or more than 10% of these Navy personnel. The following men are Southern Baptists from the state of Mississippi and are listed according to the ship they serve in as well as the city they come from: USS Sampson-DDG10, GMSG Johnnie M. Brown, Pontotoc, Miss.; USS Vreeland-de 1068: SN David McLaurin, Jackson, Miss. USS Manley-DD 940: GMSG Clay Bounds, Hattiesburg, Miss.; FA Michael Housley, Laurel, Miss.; SA Ronnie N. Smith, Corinth, Miss.; USS Wood-DD 715: MMFN Tony D. Moore, Miss.; USS Page-DEG 5: SM1 Lemuel D. Fagan, Pascagoula, Miss.

As chaplain responsible for the religious welfare of all the men in the six ships under Commodore Jack E. McQuestion, I serve about 1500 men plus dependents. I am Southern Baptist and received my seminary training at Southeastern Seminary.

Chaplain Leo Stanlis, LCDR, USNR-USNFSO Post Office, General Delivery, FPO, N. Y. 09532.

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Dear Sir:
I have enjoyed reading about the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland, Oregon. The Baptist Record comes most every Thursday and I read it through before I go to sleep that night. I first subscribed for the Record in 1910 and have taken it ever since except five years I worked in Memphis. That makes about 58 years I have read the Record. I will be 82 on July 12.
R. Gattis McCorkle
North Mississippi Retirement Home
Grenada, Ms. 38901

"Never leave well enough alone. It generally isn't good enough." Clarin D. Ashby, The Unith Basin (Utah) Standard.

"Some minds are like concrete — all mixed up and permanently set." — Duane C. Griggs, New London (Iowa) Journal.

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Guest Editorial

Ban On Subsidy

John J. Hurt
in Baptist Standard (Texas)

The U. S. Supreme Court has slammed shut the door through which tax dollars were flowing to church schools. Every person who believes in separation of church and state rejoices.

Presumably, President Nixon will now withdraw from Congress his proposal for tax aid to parents of parochial school students. Presumably the House Ways and Means Committee will quit its examination of the countless bills which had but one purpose and that the subsidizing of church schools.

There never was any doubt as to the one purpose for the various bits of legislation which the court struck down. All were designed to lift the burden of cost from the church and place it upon the taxpayer. It was a subsidy for the church and, although indirect, was the same as sending tax dollars directly to the church.

New York and Pennsylvania have spent the better part of a decade trying to get around the First Amendment demand for separation. The court previously had been the final word in its deliberations but the sweeping opinions of last week would appear now as the law of the land.

We believe it significant that by a 6-to-3 ruling, quite a margin, the court said there could be no tuition reimbursement. Even more significant was

the 8-to-1 ruling there could be no tax funds for maintenance and repair of facilities and equipment.

It is time now for the Roman Catholic hierarchy to quit its reach for tax dollars. It created the issue which has been divisive from the start and grown more divisive as strategy developed.

We can expect a Texas court case on legislation providing some \$12 million now and more later for students in private colleges. The issues are not the same but since most of the private colleges are church-related there is a question as to constitutionality. Hopefully, if the test comes it can be argued in the courts without fanning the fires of emotionalism.

The news media, newspapers and television, have been interesting in their coverage of the ruling. Advocates of tax dollars for church schools have had their opportunities for comment. We have been informed about the burden Roman Catholic schools must carry if they survive.

Nobody, presumably, was invited to speak in behalf of the taxpayer who did not want the cost of religious instruction tacked on to his bill. He not only was to be socked with paying for a church establishment, he was being taxed without representation in the area where his dollar went.

But, all that is now a part of church and state history. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad the Supreme Court has upheld the separation doctrine.

NEWEST BOOKS

ANGELS, ANGELS, ANGELS by L and d-rum P. Leavell, (Broadman, 96 pp., paper, \$1.95).

The author is a former Mississippi pastor, now pastoring the First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas. Here are nine sermons which answer most of the questions people have about angels. Carefully studies and interprets what the Bible has to say about angels, and shows what angels mean to Christians even in our present day.

MODERN MYTHS by Cecil E. Sherman (Broadman, 122 pp., paper, \$1.50).

Seven of the myths which people "assume to be so" by the pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C. Deals with such statements as "One religion is as good as another", "Pornography is innocent", "I Gotta Be Me", and ten others. Pointed, clear analysis of wrong assumptions, with scriptural responses.

THE LOCAL CHURCH IN MINISTRY by William M. Pinson, Jr. (Broadman, 146 pp., paper \$3.50).

A practical resource guide for church leaders on how to start new ministries, 56 areas of need, and 102 examples of actual Christian service. A book on getting the church to doing things. Tells what needs to be done, and how the church may get involved in doing it.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PAUL by Clifton J. Allen (Broadman, 136 pp., paper) Reprint of the January Bible study week book on Romans, first published in 1966. A verse by verse, paragraph by paragraph, exposition of Paul's great letter.

PSALMS OF JOY AND FAITH by Kyle M. Yates (Broadman, paper, 203 pp., \$3.25). Paperback reprint of the book Preaching From The Psalms by this great preacher and teacher. Careful, enriching studies of 21 of the greatest Psalms.

OR BEING A DEACON'S WIFE by Martha Nelson (Broadman, 96 pp., \$2.95).

A pastor's wife (Mrs. Carl Nelson, native of Mississippi) writes on the role of the deacon's wife. A volume which should be of enriching help to any woman whose husband is elevated to the office of deacon. Attractively and helpfully written.

BEYOND CALL by Baker James Cauthen (Broadman, 122 pp., \$3.95).

Out of the depth of his heart which loves the Lord Jesus Christ completely, and which encompasses the whole lost world, Dr. Baker James Cauthen, former missionary, and long Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, speaks to men and women who have been appointed for service as missionaries. These brief point-

Is Man Superior To Woman?

By Dale Moody

In the last few days I have heard a flood of comments and questions about a resolution at the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland, Oregon, on the superiority of man over woman.

Indeed, I received a long distance telephone call from my oldest daughter who identified herself as my "inferior daughter"! She had read an article in the Raleigh, North Carolina, newspaper that I had read in The Louisville Times, June 15, 1973, with the headline: "Southern Baptists approve resolution by woman saying man is superior." It was by a certain Allen Nacheman of the Associated Press, Portland, Oregon.

My second step was to secure exact information about the resolution. It turned out that Mrs. Richard Sappington of Cloverleaf, Texas, had presented a resolution that amounted to an approval of I Corinthians 11:2-16 and Ephesians 5:1. The chapter in I Corinthians says nothing about the superiority of man, neither does the resolution.

Apparently the debate on the resolution amounted to an endorsement of the Bible and a protest against the radical ideas often expressed by the woman's liberation movement. It is not difficult to get Southern Baptists to endorse the Bible, and the unhappy experience of many has dampened enthusiasm for the "fem-libbers."

After careful investigation I conclude that headline writers who understand neither the Bible nor Southern Baptists are about as biased as they would like to picture our Southern Baptist people. Perhaps, though, all this will help us to get down to some New Testament study on the solidarity of the family and the interdependence of all members in the family. If that is what Mrs. Sappington wanted us to endorse, her resolution is not so bad after all, even if the Baptist Press did call it "the traditionalist point of view."

It is now the purpose of this brief article to summarize the place of woman in the New Testament. The starting point is the second parenthetical comment by the Apostle Paul in the passage quoted in the resolution. "(Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man independent of woman; for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God.)" (I Corinthians 11:11-12).

It is not the superiority of man over woman that is taught in the New Testament. It is their interdependence and mutual benefit and blessing, even their oneness in the Lord. I Corinthians 11:1-10 interprets Genesis 2 in the light of the social situation that prevailed in ancient Corinth, and when it is rightly interpreted it applies to our situation today.

However, if one takes all the social customs of ancient Corinth and applies them today, it would seem that the spectacle of debating women at the Southern Baptist Convention violates a lot of rules. The women did not remain silent in the Convention as Paul said they should in the churches (I Corinthians 14:34-36). Did they all wear veils, as Paul in I Corinthians 11:1-16 says they should? Were they dressed according to the standards of first century modesty, as he instructs them to do in I Timothy 2:8-15? It is a poor defense to say these rules apply only "in the churches" not in the Convention! Do they follow these rules back home "in the churches"? Let us turn to positive comments on how the New Testament faith liberates and elevates woman as the complement and companion of man. One needs only to begin with Paul's next letter. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28 RSV).

The theological foundation for such unity between man and woman is the incarnation of the eternal Son of God in the womb of a woman. "But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:4, RSV). Too many people want to look at woman in the light of the fall rather than in the light of the incarnation and redemption.

Woman seen in the light of redemption becomes a type of the church. Her relation to her husband is like the relation between Christ and his church, his earthly body today (Ephesians 5:21-24). Her husband is to love her as much as Christ loved the church when he poured out his blood in sacrificial love (Ephesians 5:25-27). He should cherish and care for her as if she is his own body (Ephesians 5:28-33). It is hard to imagine a more relevant passage for home life today than the whole of Ephesians 5:21-6:4.

This is a long way from an attitude of superiority on the part of man to subdue the woman and cast her aside for another when it suits his lusts better. Playboy and Penthouse morality are the real threats to our homes, not the interdependence of man and woman as taught in the New Testament.

In the light of much nonsense on both sides of the debate on woman's liberation, it would be well to read through Luke-Acts in the New Testament. The gospel of Luke is really the woman's gospel. From the Virgin's Womb to the Empty Tomb it is women who are magnified as witnesses to our faith (Luke 1:26-38; 24:1-12).

In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke never misses an opportunity to magnify the role of women in the early churches (Acts 1:14; 5:14; 8:3, 12; 9:2; 13:50; 16:1, 13, 14; 17:4, 12, 34; 22:4).

There are at least three special ministries for women in the New Testament, and I know of no Baptist churches that have reproduced all of these ministries in the churches today.

First, some of the New Testament churches had virgins devoted to the Lord in a very special way (I Corinthians 7:25-28). At times they practiced spiritual marriage by becoming a betrothed companion to a man, but no sin was committed if they left this form of life and married.

Second, there were widows in the New Testament times who were supported by the church and did good works (Acts 6:1; 9:39, 41). They were set aside for special service with a pledge, and Paul gives a set of rules by which this role was to be regulated (I Timothy 5:9-16).

Third, some of the New Testament churches had deaconesses. It is true that Phoebe of Cenchreae is the only one who is called a deaconess (Romans 16:1), but many other women perform the functions of deaconesses in Philippians 4:2-3 and Priscilla, one of the great personalities of the New Testament (Acts 18:2, 18, 26; I Corinthians 16:19; Romans 16:3).

I love to tell the story of a devout Arab woman who greeted me in her home in Tripoli, Lebanon, by skipping about her house singing in tears: "We are one, we are one, we are all one in Christ Jesus." In a Moslem society where women are little more than property, she had much to skip and sing about in her Christian faith. She made me want to skip and sing too about the solidarity of the Christian family and the interdependence of each member of the family.—The Western Recorder



Tropical Termites Eat Record Books!

What good is bookkeeping when the book is full of holes? That's the problem facing missionary auditors (left to right) Mrs. Ernest B. Beevers, Mrs. C. Winfield Applewhite, (both Mississippians) and George R. Trotter, as they examine what's left of the financial records from the mission station at Madiun, East Java, Indonesia. Tropical termites have almost devoured the ledger. A missionary treasurer at a nearby station, having trouble making her books balance, jokingly asked permission to store her records where the Madiun ledger had been kept.

Father And Son

Relationship Transcends All Boundaries

By Bonita Sparrow

A black man with a fifth-grade education, serving a life term for murder and a white man, highly educated, committed to a life of service enjoy a father-son relationship that transcends all boundaries of time, culture and space. It has resulted in the prisoner's baptism into fellowship of Fort Worth's Broadway Baptist Church where his white "dad" is a member and former pastor.

The black man is Leon Edwards, locked in a bastille-like jail on the British-owned island of Granada. The white man is Dr. J. P. Allen, the extremely able director of audience response for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

Dr. Allen's job includes dealing with some of the problems that listeners to the Radio-TV Commission programs have in letters responding to the "if you have a problem, write..."

Leon Edwards' letter crossed his desk in June 1970 with a completed Bible study course. Dr. Allen's attention was riveted to the plaintive: "As I finish this last lesson I become sad. I wish I had several more. As I told you before, I recently accepted Jesus as my Savior and I want to know all about Him in order that, when I should leave this prison, to be a strong soldier for my Savior. Help me please, by getting some more of this Spiritual milk. I will be thankful."

Leon had originally contacted the Radio and Television Commission after having heard one of the Commission's programs, "The Baptist Hour," on a small radio in his cell. He had just that day become a Christian as a result of services in the prison chapel.

As the correspondence continued, Dr. Allen learned that Leon was the seventh of eight children. He had attended an "ordinary primary" school but left in the fifth grade to go to work. Before his trouble, he had helped support his mother, whom he called his "Queen."

In a culture where marriage is often a luxury for the well-to-do, Leon has fathered six children by three different women. The letter containing those details of his early life said,

"Pastor, as I look back to the years, I was a man of sin. But today I am a son of God. Tears of joy now fill my eyes. I cannot sing too good, but I love singing gospel songs."

In later letters, Leon said he was

drinking heavily and one night, drunk, he visited a woman he knew, found another man there and they fought. Leon, fearing for his life, drew a cutlass and slashed the man to death. He was tried and sentenced to death, a sentence that was commuted to life imprisonment two years later.

As the months passed, Dr. Allen sent Bible courses from the Commission to the growing Christian. He also sent small gifts and books, including Pilgrim's Progress. When Leon reported trouble with his eyes, Dr. Allen sent money from his own pocket for an eye examination and glasses. He also sent a tape recorder to help Leon with his studies.

Leon always was appreciative in his letters. He asked to be unofficially adopted so he could call Dr. Allen his dad. Dr. Allen considered it a deep honor.

Usually optimistic, Leon was occasionally depressed. In May, 1971, he wrote, "I wish Christ could come now for us. People these days don't decide to change. Instead of getting good, they are getting worse. The devil is giving God a very hard fight."

In February, 1972, he asked, "Please pray for me very hard. I am having plenty of trials. These days sometimes I do cry."

He reported in December, 1972, that he frequently testified in church services, trying to share his happiness and encourage his "inmate brothers to let Jesus come into their hearts."

He also said, "This will be my fifth Christmas in prison and, if the Lord permit me, last year and this year will be the two best I ever spend in



Silhouetted against the sky and the sea Dr. J. P. Allen and Leon Edwards walk into the baptismal pool—the Caribbean.

my life. You see, Dad, I am not alone again."

When the Radio-TV Commission decided to prepare a documentary film to show some phase of how it crosses all barriers in its work, Dr. Allen suggested featuring Leon Edwards if permission were granted. The idea was approved.

Dr. Allen wrote both Edwards and the prison superintendent requesting permission for such a film. To the superintendent, he explained in detail the work of the Radio-TV Commission.

Edwards' answer was immediate. "To everything you ask me, the answer is yes. I wish it was tomorrow."

The superintendent's answer was equally swift. "I appreciated your letter but it wasn't necessary... As

soon as I have been reading your letters for two and a half years."

The first meeting between Edwards and his spiritual father was an emotional one. Both voices were a little husky.

In his letters Edwards had mentioned wanting to be baptized. On the second day of his visit, Dr. Allen learned that his friend had not been baptized and set the wheels in motion. While the prison superintendent called the proper authorities for permission, Dr. Allen called Broadway Baptist Church to seek if they would accept Edwards as a member. Approval was received from both sources.

So, late in the afternoon, just before (Continued on page 7)

Year Of Evangelism

What's Happening In The Churches?

Morrison Heights, Clinton, Enlarges The Circle Of Spiritual Involvement

By Charles Gentry, Pastor

The real turning point came one afternoon in April, 1973, when three church staff members waded up their notes and threw them into a wastebasket!

You see, in January a small group of men in our church began meeting together to pray that their lives would be more Spirit-filled and that the people of our church would

become more vitally involved in spiritual worship and service.

Week by week others joined them until within three months at least 75 men and women were showing deeper love for others and remarkable dedication in serving the Lord. Grasping the situation, (it was on Wednesday, April 4) in the monthly deacons' meeting, it was suggested and heartily approved that they, the de-

acons, working with the staff members, lead an "in-church" revival. May 6-9 was agreed upon and the entire idea was to be presented to the church.

The next afternoon I met with the minister of education and minister of music and youth. We began to make organizational plans: so-and-so would be in charge of attendance; another would be chairman of prayer services; novel and varied things that could be used were discussed. We got stuck on several points; we bogged down. Then one of us suggested (I don't remember which one), "Why don't we talk with the men and let them be in on every decision?"

We looked at each other wide-eyed! How foolish for us to push all the buttons, make all the plans, and expect the people to carry out our orders! As one, we crumpled up our notes and threw them into a wastebasket. Then we got on the phone and set up a meeting a week later with the Deacon Council.

On that Friday night the three of us met with nine of fifteen members of the Deacon Council (the others were tied up with prior engagements). For over an hour we knelt in prayer. Afterwards the ideas flowed. Everyone participated. Methods and goals were set up. Prayer preparation was fully allowed and lay people would direct most of the sessions. It was agreed that the congregation would have opportunity to share in the services. Everything would be kept simple, and emphasis would be placed upon being submissive to the Holy Spirit.

The story of what happened is a thrilling and continuing one. People of the church began to express love and concern for each other. Limitations were admitted and worked out. Apologies for insults and wrongs were made. Testimonies were given as to what God was doing in the lives of people who had been awakened to responsibilities and opportunities. Confessions of sin were poured out in small counseling groups. You have already guessed it—all this led to many professions of faith and other commitments. In a three-week period more than 25 (over half were above 12 years of age) made decisions to accept Christ and many others transferred their membership and made rededications.

But this is not the end of the story. The best is still occurring. Church leaders are performing their tasks with greater devotion and dedication. There is a spirit of love and expectancy that prevails. A sizeable number engage regularly in sharing their faith. Prayer groups continue meeting to encourage and undergird the corporate ministry of the church. The Wednesday evening service has truly become a Prayer meeting.

Then an invitation came to the pastor and the men to lead a revival in a church 80 miles away. After prayerful consultation, it was accepted. The week before the services began lay people from our church went to their community two nights in four different homes to share together what God can do in the individual

Your sister in Christ,
Bonita Whitten Stovall
Teaneck, N. J.

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Woman Tells Story Of Her Ordination

(Editor's Note: Several weeks ago The Baptist Record published a guest editorial expressing disapproval of the ordination of women. This article is a response to that editorial, and a defense of such ordinations, written by a former Mississippian who has had such ordination. The article does not, of course, represent an opinion of the Record, but is published because we believe that this young woman has a right to be heard.)

Dear Sirs:

I have just read the Guest Editorial by Jack Gritz on "Why Women Are Being Ordained." Even though I am a native Mississippian and a product of several great churches around the state, I did not send you notice of my ordination to the gospel ministry by the Manhattan Baptist church last August because I knew that it would probably be misunderstood and might even be a source of offense to many of your readers. Now I feel I must speak at length or by my silence contribute to that misunderstanding.

The granddaughter and niece of Southern Baptist ministers in Mississippi, I was very involved in church life from infancy. However, it was not until the summer after my tenth grade in high school that I responded personally to God's demand for my life. Because of my heritage, I turned to my local church in Corinth and later to the Baptist Student Union at M.S.C.W. and my college church in Columbus for interpretation of this demand. From these I gained an understanding of this demand for my life; that I had been given talents by Him which I should make every effort to discover and use in the work that I was to further cultivate my personal prayer and meditation life so that I could discern His will for me and then trust this sense of direction from Him. In this process I came to learn that sometimes God's Spirit would demand of me directions that some people very close to me would not understand while others would faithfully support. Probably the most difficult decision I ever made was to go, upon completion of college, as a Missionary Journeyman to Asuncion, Paraguay, against the advice and counsel of my parents. I could not do this because I believed the very Spirit of God was prodding me in that direction. I went out in faith in 1965. The two year period was one of the most difficult of my life; but eight years have passed since that decision, eight years that undoubtedly confirm for me that it was the right decision. Had I not been willing to go out in faith alone, I would have missed a blessing of incredible worth and influence on my life.

I returned to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, somewhat unsure of what direction my future would take. I was really sure of only one thing: that to carry on God's work in the world I needed the broadest preparation in Bible study, church history, and theology. These I had missed so in my first two years on the mission field, and these I was determined to have the next time around. Of course, everyone wanted to know why I was taking the broader Master of Divinity curriculum when it would have been easier and shorter to select another. Some students laughed at my hard work, saying they already had the gospel, they just needed the credentials. It was my advantage that I had already been out and seen the reality of the field and know my deep need for understanding as well as faith, and for better means to communicate them both. I had believed those Sunday School teachers, B.S.U. speakers, and yes, the Bible, when it said that God had called me to a mission in his world and that mission would demand my best!

I married my last year in seminary and moved with my husband to New York. I was approved by the Home Mission Board as an Associate Missionary; but this was 1971, inflation had hit and budgets were being cut. I planned to teach school until I realized that I was losing my vision and my sense of dedication to a special calling. I had been worrying about finding a desirable teaching position and making financial ends meet in a very expensive city while my husband continued his education. Teaching school is, without a doubt, a real ministry, but I had a professional theological education, a talent God had given me to be used. With only one phone call I had a tentative promise for an internship in the hospital chaplaincy in Brooklyn, a largely Puerto Rican neighborhood

where I was to be the only Spanish speaking chaplain (thanks to my two years in Paraguay!) I was accepted and everything worked out beautifully except that there was no salary for interns! Salaries came from the individual denominations of the chaplain interns and from the U. S. Army which used the center to train military chaplains. Three months and a lot of reiteration by my husband and me that there are things more important than money later, my supervisor found a half stipend for men. I liked being a chaplain and was encouraged by my supervisors to pursue this as a profession. In my case there were no federal regulations requiring my ordination; but I had been recommended for Supervisory Clinical Pastoral Education and the American Association of C.P.E. does require ordination. I puzzled over this for several months, telling my supervisor that I didn't want to do anything that might well limit my ministry among Southern Baptists instead of enhance it.

In the meantime members of my congregation at Manhattan Baptist Church were very supportive; we had started a hospital ministry of our own at the nearby Polyclinic Hospital. Every third Sunday (when I was not on duty at the hospital) I would lead the service and preach. They knew that I thought of myself as a minister and that I had dedicated my life to living out whatever ministry God seemed to be leading me into. Finally I began to see this dilemma as basically like the one preceding my decision to go to Paraguay. There were good reasons not to proceed, man's reasons; but God seemed to be beckoning me forward. Nothing in my understanding of the Bible or my faith had led me to conclude that God's demands of me as a woman were any less exacting or even any different from His demands of men; we were all called to follow Him. For me ordination meant my public commitment of all that I was and could become to the ministry of calling all people to the good news of God's love; it also meant that my future work, down through the years, would be undergirded by one congregation who strongly supported my ability and willingness to follow that call. Specifically, I had been called as Associate Pastor of two Reformed churches in New Jersey. I believed, that whatever my future ministry, I would want to have experience in a local church, since the local church is so central to my understanding of the ministry.

Members of my congregation and other friends often encourage me to stay in the Reformed, Lutheran, Methodist, or Presbyterian churches of the area who seem most open to my ministry. They do not understand my loyalty and sense of responsibility for my own church, Southern Baptists. My hospital supervisor doesn't really understand why I will not complete my supervisory clinical training under him, especially since he knows the responses to my many inquiries into similar programs in the South. I too ponder the irony of a denominational that weeps as it prays for more harvesters to enter the fields, while I weep that they will not send me. I wish you could all support me now in my effort to live effectively for God in a very complex and demanding world; but I have faith that the day is coming when you will be free to support me, or a sister, a daughter or granddaughter of mine!

We are returning to the South this fall where my husband will complete his medical education and I will return to graduate school to be all the more prepared if that opening comes! At any rate, a salaried position is not a prerequisite for ministry!

In conclusion, I have nothing in common with any woman or man who would seek ordination just because of a federal regulation. But I believe this represents a gross oversimplification of the dynamics in Elizabeth Hutchens' ordination. I suspect that she, like me, has merely cultivated the old Christian practice of following a still small voice!

Names In The News

Mrs. Bob Walker is the new church secretary at Westview, Jackson, having begun her duties there on July 1. Mrs. Walker, the former Betty Lewis, is a native of Starkville and a graduate of Mississippi State University. Before her marriage she was employed by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for almost ten years. Also she has served as church secretary for First, West Point. Rev. John Gilbert is the pastor at Westview.

'Wilda Fancher (Mrs. James), writer of the Record's "Beyond the Ironing Board" column, has won third place in the National Federation of Press Women's writing contest. The award was given for her Sunday column, "The Last Word," published weekly in the Clarion - Ledger-Jackson Daily News.

Joe Gordon has assumed his duties as new minister of youth education and activities at First Church, Hattiesburg. He came from a similar position with Beech Street Church, Texarkana, Arkansas. Mr. Gordon is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary. He is married to the former Sheila Hart, and they are both natives of Meridian. The Gordons have one daughter, Melissa Jane. Mrs. Gordon is also a graduate of Mississippi College. Mr. Gordon formerly served as youth director two summers at First, Piquette, and two summers at First, Tupelo. While in seminary he served as student director of the "Youth Directors Lab." Dr. Brooks Wester is pastor of First, Hattiesburg; Farrell Blankenship is minister of education.

Glenn Davis has accepted the call of Paul Truitt Memorial Church, Rankin County, as minister of music and youth on a full-time basis. He began his work there June 24. He left a similar position at Robinson Street Church, Jackson. Mr. Davis has served churches in Mississippi and Texas. He received his Bachelor of Music degree and Master of Music degree from M.C. He also attended Southwestern Seminary. A native of Houston, he is married to the former Carol Carlisle of Greenwood. They have one son, Chris, two.

Richard Haley Sullivan has recently been licensed to the gospel ministry at Tomnolen Church. A senior at Mississippi College, majoring in church music, he is available for week-end services in music or pulpit supply. His address is P. O. Box 392, Clinton, Mississippi, 39056. His parents are Dr. & Mrs. W. A. Sullivan, Jr. of Natchez. Rev. J. B. Rowe is the Tomnolen pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Watts, missionaries, were scheduled to leave Italy on May 12 for a short furlough in the States (address: 1208 Polk Ave., Pascagoula, Ms. 39567).

Rev. and Mrs. Stanley D. Stamps, missionaries, have completed furlough in the States, were scheduled to depart May 14 for Ecuador (address: Casilla 3226, Guayaquil, Ecuador).

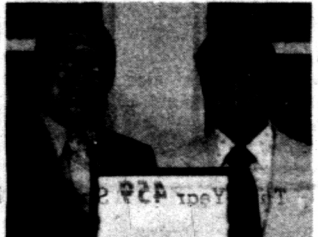
Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Williams, missionaries on medical leave from Jordan, may be addressed at Rt. 6, Box 68, Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401.

Nan Lucia Davis, daughter of missionaries to Ghana, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ralph Davis, was married to Richard Davis on May 26. The groom is minister of music and youth in Richfork, N. C. The bride's parents may be addressed at 700 Grace Ave., Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401.



Mike Miller, native of Gadsden, Alabama, and graduate of University of Alabama, has taken over the responsibility of admissions director at Clarke College. Mr. and Mrs. Miller with their young son, Bryan, pictured, are making their home in the resident advisor's apartment of the Women's Residence Hall. Mrs. Miller will be serving as the resident advisor for the young women on the Clarke campus. Mr. Miller was in private business immediately before coming to Clarke. The Millers moved to Newton from Tuscaloosa, Alabama where both were active in the church life of Ridgecrest Church.

Rev. Larry Braswell, pictured has accepted a call to Boule Street Church, Hattiesburg, as assistant pastor. Son of Mrs. Walter O. Wens of Tunica and Calvin Braswell of Southaven, he is a senior at William Carey College. Rev. John Klem is pastor of Boule Street.

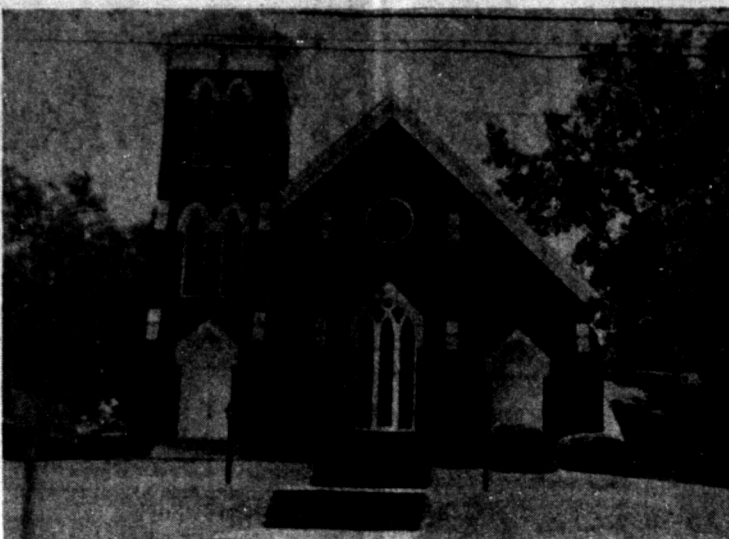


Liberty Church Liberty, has a licensed Stanley Poe Weatherford to the gospel ministry. Pictured at right is Stanley, age 18, with Rev. John E. Watts, pastor. Parents of Stanley are Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Weatherford.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Wells have moved from Wesson back to New Orleans. Their address is now 1787 Lafreniere St., New Orleans, La. 70122. While in Wesson, Mr. Wells, retired pastor, was kept busy supplying.

Rev. Lawrence Runnels recently accepted the pastorate of the Bethesda Church, Route 4, Philadelphia, Ms. 39350. A graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, New Orleans Seminary, he has held former pastorates at Pioneer (Mississippi Association) and Unity (Pike). His wife is the former Frances Porter of Philadelphia. They have two children, Larry and Melissa.

Buddy Mathis of Pascagoula is the evangelist for an area meeting in Fairborn, Ohio the week of July 8-15 with nine Southern Baptist churches sponsoring the crusade and Rev. J. Harold Stephens as crusade chairman.



Carrollton To Celebrate 140th Year

In conjunction with its 140th anniversary, Carrollton Church will observe homecoming on July 15. Following the morning worship service, dinner will be served on the grounds, and all former members are invited and urged to attend.

Revival services will be held each evening that week at 8 p.m., with Rev. Donnie Stewart, pastor of First Church, Coffeeville, bringing the messages. The music will be directed by Bernard Taylor, church music director. The pastor of the church is Rev. Lee Hudson.

For 140 years Carrollton Church has been an inspiration to the people of Carrollton and Carroll County. The original church was established in 1833 near the community of Colla and was called Bethel. The church was moved in 1835 to Carrollton and

the name was changed to Carrollton Church in 1838.

Minutes record the fact that the regular monthly meetings were held for a time at the various homes of the members. In November 1835 the Carrollton Academy offered the Baptists the use of their building free of charge one Saturday and Sunday in each month. In 1938 the first sanctuary of the Carrollton church was erected on a parcel of land purchased from the town.

One of the leaders of the movement to build the present edifice was James Z. George. The present building was erected in 1894 and has served as the meeting place since that time. A recent renovation of the exterior of the building has helped to assure the continued use of the sanctuary for years to come.

The Carrollton Church officially became a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention on April 4, 1838.

Many Decisions In Calhoun County's Daniels Crusade

Calhoun County Association sponsored an E. J. Daniels crusade May 27 to June 4. The meeting was held in a tent at Bruce. The results were 183 professions of faith, 73 rededications, numerous people pledging to tithe and to go the second mile for Christ. Thirty-eight responded to the call for full-time Christian service as ministers, missionaries or other areas of service.

The Crusade served as a unifying force in the county as the churches and individuals contributed \$7,500 for the Crusade; expenses prior to the beginning date with additional offering, raising the total to \$10,300 besides the honorariums given to the team members.

Team members were E. J. Daniels; Steve Taylor, musician; Al Fairchild, coordinator; Anne-Marie and Jackie (ventriloquist); Charlotte Severance, pianist; Lela Mayfield, a blind singer and Tom Lester, "Eb" of Green acres. "These along with local support provided a spiritual atmosphere that caused people to respond to the spirit of God," reports Ken Pickens of First Church, Vardaman.

Committee Invites Suggestions For Next Convention

The 1974 Committee on Order of Business of the Southern Baptist Convention is composed of W. O. Vaught, chairman, pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, Ark.; H. Edwin Young, Columbia, S. C.; Lee Porter of the staff of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.; Searcy Garrison, executive secretary of the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia; Marvin L. Prude, layman, Birmingham, Ala.; Hunter Riggins, layman, Poquoson, Va.

The committee wishes to give opportunity for everyone to make suggestions for next year's convention. In speaking for the committee Dr. Vaught emphasized "It is our earnest desire to have all constructive suggestions on personalities and emphases."

All letters should be mailed to W. O. Vaught, 1000 Bishop St., Little Rock, Ark. 72202.

NEWS BRIEFS

Belgium Baptists Urged To Elect Women Delegates

PERUWELZ, Belgium (BP)—After lengthy discussion of the role of women in the church, an unofficial group of Belgian Baptists meeting here agreed to request the next General Assembly of the Belgian Baptist Union to reconsider its policy prohibiting women from serving as official delegates to the annual General Assembly.

The unofficial group also discussed a Christian view of abortion, generally opposing in principle the practice of abortion.

Georgia's First Spanish Baptist Church Organizes

ATLANTA (BP) — The first Spanish-speaking Baptist church to be formally organized in Georgia was constituted here at First Baptist Church, Atlanta, after three years as a mission group of the Atlanta church. Jorge Comenanes is pastor of the group, which was constituted as First Spanish Baptist Church of Atlanta. It has more than 100 Spanish-speaking members.

Educational Ministry Conference Announced

NASHVILLE (BP)—A national conference on the educational ministry of the church, the first of its kind, is scheduled to be held in Houston, Feb. 17-21, 1975, according to Morton Rose, assistant to the director of the church services and materials division, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and general chairman for the meeting.

Faith In Action Film Released For Church Use

LOS ANGELES — The Key 73 Continental Mass Media Committee, meeting in Los Angeles, has announced the release of the film edition of the FAITH IN ACTION television special for community and church use. The television program established public service television history as the Launch Special for Key 73 in January.

Peru Tribesmen Receive Testaments

PERU — The Ashaninka Campa tribesmen of south central Peru enthusiastically received the New Testament in their own language at several dedication ceremonies held during April. Tribespeople, guests, and participating government officials witnessed the ceremonies that climaxed almost 20 years of linguistic work by translators Will and Lee Kindberg, U.S. members of Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Extension Department Adds Cassette Tapes

NASHVILLE — The Seminary Extension Department of the six Southern Baptist seminaries has added cassette tapes to two of its course offerings, according to Raymond M. Rigdon, department director. One of the courses, Greek, is an addition to the curriculum. The other, The Work of a Pastor, has been one of Seminary Extension's most popular courses for some time and is now available through two additional study plans.

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Relationship Transcends

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sunset, Edwards and Dr. Allen went into the ocean. "Leon was very calm. When he came out, he was crying," Dr. Allen said.

Edwards, later asked to sing a song, responded with "He Touched Me." Dr. Allen cried. "I've heard professionals sing that song," he said. "but that man, he meant it."

Before the group left, the prison superintendent told Dr. Allen that since Leon had been writing him and taking the Bible courses sent by the Commission, he had become the number one prisoner there.

"And," said Dr. Allen, "the superintendent said that Granada may get its independence from England in a

year or two and often when that happens, the Queen grants clemency to some worthy prisoner. If it does happen, the superintendent told me, "Leon is that man." That makes me feel good about my . . . son."

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"It never occurs to teenagers that someday they will know as little as their parents." — Lois W. Matson, The Kiester (Minn.) Courier.



128 Participants In Junior Music Week At Blue Mountain

Faculty and campers attending the Junior Music Week at Blue Mountain College June 18-22. Faculty for the camp include the following adult leadership shown on the back row: Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Billingsley; clinician Dr. Stan Richison, David Larrimore; Mississippi

music secretary Dan Hall; Drury LeBlanc; Lamar Crocker; Allyn Moore; and Noxie Taylor. Total number of campers and local children totaled 128 participants.

Oakhurst To Honor Dr. F. K. Horton, Retiring Pastor

On July 29, 1973, Dr. F. K. Horton will retire as pastor of Oakland Church, Clarksdale, and become pastor emeritus.

J. L. Haley, member of a committee assigned to the task of honoring Dr. Horton on that date, says, "We plan to utilize the morning service for that purpose and to have a reception in his honor during the afternoon." Friends of the church and of Dr. Horton are invited to the special occasion.

"We doubt seriously if we can properly honor this wonderful man," continues Mr. Haley, but we are certainly going to try!"

Sunday School Lesson: International

Insights Toward Interpreting A Christian View Of Sex

By Clifton J. Allen

Exodus 20:14, Matthew 5:27-32;
John 8:3-11; Romans 1:24-32;
I Corinthians 6:13b-20;
Ephesians 5:21-32

Sex is a fact of human nature. It is a crucial factor, even a driving force, in human experience. As Christians, we are under special obligation to try to arrive at a genuinely Christian view of sex. Let us realize that such a view calls for appreciation of the qualities of manhood and womanhood, not just concern about capacity for procreation. The Bible has a great deal to say about this matter, in realistic fashion.

The Lesson Explained

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Elijah: The Crisis Of Political Corruption

By Bill Duncan
I KINGS 21

Is political corruption now a way of life in the United States — not only in Washington, but throughout the Nation? It's not only Watergate. Within the last year, a former U. S. Senator has been sentenced to prison for accepting an "illegal gratuity" while in office from a mailorder interest. A Federal Judge, and former governor, was convicted and sentenced on a series of charges. A former mayor of Newark, N. J., is serving a 10-year prison term following his conviction in a million dollar extortion case involving purchases for the city.

Unlike the Watergate matter — which is rooted in charges of criminal action for the purpose of sustaining political power — most of the other offenses being spotlighted today involve using political power illegally, for personal gain.

"It is pretty common," said a person who studied political ethics. "Usually the prevailing mood has been to live and let live as long as it's kept quiet."

In the days of Ahab, King of Israel, political corruption was growing. But the reason being that the king "did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord." The Northern Kingdom's capital at Shechem was established and the worship of idols was begun. To seal the international alliances, Ahab married Jezebel who brought

the heathen religion of her country with her as a missionary.

One sin of Ahab was covetousness for the ripen vineyard of Naboth. The king tried every way to get the owner to sell but he refused. Jezebel persuaded the king to use his political power to get what he wanted, regardless of what happened to those who got in the way. This had been the way of her father in her youth. She used the law for her selfish ways. With the aid of the law and people's emotions, she had Naboth falsely accused of

What's Happening - - -

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life. The first revival service was on Sunday morning. Instead of the pastor, two laymen from our church brought messages challenging the people to respond to God's opportunities. The pastor began on Sunday night and continued through Friday night. Every night some of the lay people from our church were there sharing during testimony time and praying for the pastor.

Sunday evening there were only a few people in attendance. Monday the auditorium was almost full. Up to that point all of the lay people speaking was done by those from Morrison Heights Baptist Church. Tuesday evening the auditorium was filled, and there was a row of chairs in the center aisle. During testimony time a beautiful lady stood in the choir, and while expressing her gratitude for Christian friends from Clinton, stated strongly her gratitude for what that church (Pattison Baptist Church) meant to her family.

Purity of Heart

Matthew 5:27-28

The teaching of Jesus, in this as in other areas of conduct, locates the issue in the heart. Sex relates to thought and feeling as well as to acts of sexual relationship. Adultery can take place apart from the overt act. If there is uncontrolled desire for sex expression, on the part of either a man or a woman, if this desire is allowed to remain in one's mind to stimulate intense passion or lust, nurtured by imagined sex experience and satisfaction, one is actually guilty of adultery, though he or she may be restrained by fear or some other reason from outward acts. Jesus demands purity of heart, purity of thought and desire, as well as abstinence from the overt act of adultery, as the standard for Christian discipline. In other words, a Christian view

of sex demands of a Christian the cultivation of disciplined thoughts about sex, a disciplined imagination relative to sex, and such elevated appreciation of the sanctity of sex that purity and chastity will become the ideal and standard for the inner life as well as for interpersonal relationships.

The Body Is For The Lord

I Corinthians 6:13b-20

Paul lays down a basic principle that should guide Christians in their thinking about sex and in proper sexual relationships in marriage. This principle declares that the body is for the Lord. In the case of the Christian, the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Paul emphasized the holiness of sex by an illustration of utmost meaning. He referred to the resurrection of Christ and the fact that the body of the Christian will be raised in the resurrection.

Other sins may be outside the body. But adultery in a unique way is a sin against one's own body and against the body of another person. Therefore the perversion of sex or the illicit expression of sex soils and degrades the body in which the Holy Spirit dwells. Such is a gross contradiction or denial of the Lord's claim on the body, redeemed by his death.

Truths to Live By

The Christian view of sex incorporates redemption, forgiveness, and self-discipline. — Christ came to redeem man, the whole man, including the body with its nature and function of sex. Let us not forget, however, the weakness of human nature and that Jesus did not reject persons guilty

placing a curse upon the king. The charge brought a mob to execute Naboth and his sons. Since there was no heir to Naboth's vineyard, the property reverted to the king.

The wicked Queen Jezebel had caused the state to become the enemy of the people. In the name of government, she had arranged for a "set-up" murder and robbery. When the innocent are not protected by the government, you do not have justice. When the poor and people of little influence find that policemen and judges are refusing to protect them from those that would take advantage of them, then the masses have to fight back. In democracy we can do so with the ballot, but when the king is the supreme ruler there is no hope.

The crisis of political corruption was a concern of God. Elijah was aware of the King's sin and plots to gain power and possession for himself. When the proper time came God sent the prophet Elijah to speak judgment against the house of Ahab. It was the same struggle we see all the time. Ahab thought God was his enemy and Elijah the troubler of Israel: This indicates the sinfulness of Ahab in not seeing God as his friend and lover.

The judgment that Elijah announced was plain and simple. "In the (Continued on page 8)

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The Use Of Hands

Psalm 24:1-5

By M. Douglas Clark, Pastor, Lowrey Memorial, Blue Mountain

In the Chicago Art Institute is a lovely bronze cast of the hands of Abraham Lincoln. The hands from which this model was taken were the ones that wrote the Emancipation Proclamation, the Second Inaugural Address, the Gettysburg Address.



It has been said that the whole history of Man's progress can be interpreted as his growing ability to use his hands. The anthropologist tells us that man has used his hands in building with stones for one million years. For thirty thousand years man has used his hands to fashion spears, swords, and harpoons; for fifteen thousand years to mold pottery; and for one thousand years to create machines. But, the highest and noblest use of one's hands is in the service of Christ in help others.

These hands are shaped like God's and so
Let them be careful what they do.
Let them be quick to lift the weak,
Let them be kind as they are strong.
Let them defend the silent meek
Against the many-languaged wrong.

These hands are shaped like God's. Be sure
They bear the mark of no man's pain
Who asked their help to make secure
His little roof . . . and asked in vain.

These hands are shaped like God's.
Take care they catch the sparrow
Hurled from the air:

Lest God look down from Heaven and see
What things are wrong beneath the sun
By us, his images, and be
Ashamed of what His hands have done.

—Sara Henderson Hay

Called To Indian Springs

Rev. Wade Allen, pastor of First Church, Lyman, for six years and four months, has accepted the call of Indian Springs Church, Laurel, as pastor. While he was at Lyman the church built a new auditorium and education building and a parsonage.



Active in the Pastors' Conference and Gulf Coast Association, Mr. Allen served in several places of leadership. He also taught in the Gulfport Center of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary for five years and was treasurer of the Holding Board.

He is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary. He and Mrs. Allen (the former Betty Brown of Biloxi) have four children.

The title is the Lord's.

Deacon Roy Jordan Dies At Taylorsville

Deacon Roy Jordan, of First Church, Taylorsville, died June 9, 1973.

His fellow deacons, and church members adopted a resolution in tribute to his life:

"Deacon Roy Jordan has devoted himself through many years to the cause of Christ through the fellowship of First Church, Taylorsville. His unselfish work with his community of friends has endeared him to all.

"We desire to recognize him for his time, his talents, his steadfastness, his firm convictions, and his services to the church.

"Be it resolved that First Church, Taylorsville will honor the memory of Deacon Roy Jordan with renewed zeal, with prayer, and with determination to become a greater and stronger church."

Pastor W. C. Burns adds, "This man has been a genuine supporter of Baptist work for years and deserves to be recognized for the wonderful example he set."

Barry Allen Joins Kentucky Baptist Business Force

The Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Board elected two additional staff members during its May meeting at Cedarvale Baptist Assembly.

Barry Allen, son of Mrs. Mavis Allen of Grenada, was one of the newly elected. Mr. Allen is the new assistant to the business manager for the Kentucky Baptist State Convention. He is a Mississippi native and has been serving as assistant to the business manager for two and one-half years on a part-time basis while attending Southern Seminary in Louisville. He will assume full-time responsibilities September 1.

The University of Mississippi awarded Allen the Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1970. He will complete work this summer on the Master of Divinity degree at the seminary.

Business experiences for the newly elected officer include some business administration for Allen's Chevrolet in Grenada, which was owned and operated by his father, the H. Braswell Allen, and experience as part-time employee for a men's store in Grenada.

Allen has participated, with his parents and three sisters, in the summers in pioneer mission crusades in Colorado, California, Utah and Montana. While living in Grenada he was a member of First Church. Presently he and his wife, the former Diane Branscome, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Branscome, also of Grenada, are members of Broadway Church, Louisville, Ky. They reside at 436 South Hite Ave., Apt. 1, Louisville, Ky.

State Man Elected To Southwestern Seminary Staff

FORT WORTH (BP) — Five persons have been named to the teaching staff at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary according to seminary President Robert E. Naylor. James F. Eaves of Albuquerque, N. M., has been elected as a professor of evangelism and four men were named instructors in the School of Theology.

The four new instructors are all graduate students who are completing requirements for the doctor of theology degree. Named instructors in preaching are Albert D. Fasol of West Frankfort, Ill., and G. Dean Dickens of Boonesville, Ark.

L. Russell Bush III of Columbia, Miss., was named an instructor

BMC To Initiate Several Changes

Blue Mountain College announces several significant changes which will be initiated during the 1973-74 academic session.

The college will offer the B. S. degree in Education, a degree planned specifically to meet the needs of prospective teachers.

The degree requirements for the B. A. and B. S. will be more flexible. Students will be permitted a wider selection in the various disciplines. The semester hour requirements for a minor were reduced from 2 semester hours to 13 and in a few cases to 21.

Approval was also given in a recent meeting of officials to have Blue Mountain College participate in the College Level Examination Program. The Spanish and French Departments have been combined into a Department of Modern Languages. Students will be permitted to take a minimum of 12 hours in one language (French or Spanish) and at least 18 hours in the other.

The night program begun during the spring semester will be expanded into a permanent program. A center has been established in New Albany, Miss. The medical technology program is in cooperation with the North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo.

Attendance High At Holly Springs, First; Church Plans Building

First Church, Holly Springs, observed High Attendance Day in Sunday School on June 24, with an attendance of 350, an increase of over 100. H. Guy Palmer, Sunday School director, and Rev. Tommy Tutor, pastor, were pleased over this attendance as there were 56 visitors, 17 of whom enrolled in Sunday School as new members.

The church recently voted to build a Family Activities Building. The building will house a gym, game room, lounge room, concession room, exercise room, craft and meeting rooms, as well as office space. At present, \$150,000 has been committed for the construction. When the cost has been determined, a campaign to raise the necessary funds will be started. A "Victory Day" is being planned on Ground - Breaking Sunday, to be announced later.

in philosophy and Old Testament and L. L. Collins, Jr., of Port Arthur, Tex. was named an instructor in New Testament and Greek.



First Woman Wins Seminary Award

Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, director of public relations and assistant professor of religion and philosophy at William Carey College, became the first woman in the history of New Orleans Seminary to receive the annual Faculty Alumni Award. Her daughter, Robin, a recent Samford University graduate, admires the plaque which was presented to Mrs. Rowden during the SBC in Portland. The inscription reads, "Presented in recognition of distinguished service in missions, Christian education and public relations."

Dr. Lee To Preach At Pontotoc Prayer Rally

Dr. R. G. Lee, former pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tennessee, will preach at a prayer rally to be held at First Church, Pontotoc, on Tuesday, July 17. The prayer rally will be held in preparation for revival services scheduled for July 18 - 22. Dr. W. Levon Moore is pastor.



Off The Record

Wife: The woman next door has a hat just like the one I bought!
Husband: I suppose that means you have to have another one.
Wife: Well, it would be cheaper than moving.

"Why are you always wishing for something you haven't got?" asked the husband impatiently.
"What else is there to wish for?" sweetly replied his wife.

IT'S NOT FOR ME

Here's to him who early rises
And goes through his exercises;
Wakens from his tranquil sleep,
Exhales slowly, inhales deep.
Who always steps right out of bed,
Stretching arms above his head;
Bending over, touching toes.
I am never one of those.
Mornings, I'm too hot or cold;
And other times I'm just too old.

TEENAGERS

The mother of four teenagers solved one of her most serious problems successfully when she ruled that the last one in on Saturday night would have to cook and serve Sunday morning breakfast to the entire family.
Waiting for some people to stop talking is like looking for the end of a roller towel.

Diane Martin's Death

By Wilson Winstead, Pastor, Griffith Memorial, Jackson

As a pastor, it has been my responsibility to be with many individuals during the last hours of their lives. However, Diane Martin's death brought a new experience to me. It was one of the greatest spiritual experiences of my life. I saw God make death easier for her.

The childhood disease of cystic fibrosis had taken its toll upon her life. Through the loving care of her parents and the modern techniques of medicine, God had allowed her to live to the age of twelve. However, the ravages of the disease had now reached a culmination point. Eight of the last nine weeks had been spent in the hospital. The end was drawing near.

My phone rang at 1:30 a.m. The call was urgent. Diane was requesting my presence. Hastily, I dressed and in just a few minutes I was by her bedside at the University Hospital. It could easily be seen that her condition was critical. Through the rest of that night and most of the next day I stayed with her parents at her bedside.

During those long night hours, Diane told me how she loved her pastor, her church, and her God, even as she struggled to breathe and while her enlarged heart pounded trying to maintain life in her body. I saw the condition worsen until she was by early morning begging with what breath she could muster, "Mommy, make me alive, make me alive." When her mother tried to assure her that she was still alive, she would then with

great difficulty cry, "But Mommy, make me feel, make me feel." And then it happened. In the midst of this extreme struggle to hang on to life, beneath that oxygen tent, I saw those tiny arms and hands reach up and I heard her say, "Spirits, spirits, spirits."

You can say and believe what you desire, but I am convinced that God sent His angels to make death easier for her, for from this moment until 4 o'clock that afternoon when she finally quit breathing, that frantic struggle was over. God had rewarded her faith and love by helping her to die. What a tribute to a Great God and a wonderful Christian!

This sweet little Christian girl was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin O. Martin, who are members of the Griffith Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson. Her paternal grandparents are J. L. Martin, Sr. and the late Mrs. J. L. Martin, Sr. and her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Davis, all of Brookhaven.

Son Of Missionaries Dies In Indonesia

KEDIRI, Indonesia — Roger Wayne Smith, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie C. Smith, missionaries to Indonesia, was killed in a motor-bike accident July 1, in Kediri, East Java. The funeral service was to be held July 4, in Kediri.

Roger is survived by his parents; brothers Randy, 17, and Robin, 12; and a sister, Rianna, 9. Smith and his wife, are from Texas.



Diane Martin

S. S. Lesson - - -

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place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick up your own blood." He was to die the same type of death and his descendants would be destroyed as well. This message must have provoked repentance in the heart of the king. "He rent his clothes, put sackcloth upon his flesh, fasted and lay in sackcloth and went about dejectedly." The message had hit the heart of the wicked king just right. Because of repentance the judgment against the king's family was postponed but not the fate of the king.

There is nothing as important for the people of a country as to have leaders that will seek to do God's will. So goes the leaders, so goes the people. Elijah was a brave man to attack the king's personal life. But with God's message and power, nothing would be too small. To expose the king's sin would truly be a serious act.

The Lord, the Righteous Judge, will not let anyone's sin continue unpunished. It may seem to the public that the corrupt politicians are always getting away with all kinds of sin. But the people never know the consequences of sin. They must remember that there is a judgment yet to come and God will not allow sin to go unpunished. Ahab and Jezebel died horrible deaths as the result of their sin and the judgment of God.

It is bad that people always want to believe the worst about politicians. The headlines are always made by the people who do the bad and not the good. We need to draw attention to the good that men are doing for the country and according to God's law.

We need more Christians who will run for political office and attempt "to set the record straight." But this

Revival Dates

Eret (Wayne): July 8 - 13; services 7:15 p.m.; choral leader, Mrs. Henry Odom; evangelist, Rev. L. J. Fairchild, interim pastor.

Mountain Creek (Rankin): July 15-20; Rev. Billy Joe Pierce, pastor, Ford Park Church, Shreveport, La., evangelist; Mrs. Shirley Dyess, song leader; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Monday - Friday services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Vance H. Dyess, pastor.

Crestview Church, Petal: July 16-22; Glenn Savell, full-time evangelist, Pascagoula, preaching; David McArthur, minister of music at Chucky, singer; services Tuesday to Friday at 10 a.m. Services Monday - Friday, at 7:30 p.m. Rev. C. R. Parkin, pastor.

Mission Hill Church: July 15-20; Rev. James Griffith, pastor of Mt. Zion Church, Lincoln County, and president of the Lincoln County Pastor's Conference, evangelist; Sunday, July 15 there will be prayer groups meeting at 9:45 a.m., dinner on the grounds served at the church, and an afternoon service at 1; Monday - Friday services at 7:45 p.m.; (The evangelist has served in nine different Mississippi counties in 26 years as a pastor.)

Springdale (Atala): July 15 - 22; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. James Fortinberry, Dover Shores Church, Orlando, Fla., evangelist; Linda Carley of Yazoo City, soloist and youth worker; Sammy Higginbotham, music director; Benita Higginbotham, pianist; Rev. Floyd Higginbotham, pastor.

Shady Grove (Lincoln): July 15-20; Rev. B. Alfred Jones, pastor, Cedar

must mean that Christians must vote for a good man who will be honest and not try to vote for one who will give them what they want. People contribute to political corruption by voting for favors that would be against the best interest of the law and the country.

It would be great if there were an Elijah who could expose the sins of the political crowd. Corrupt politicians dread exposure and publicity. Judgment is a sad message but necessary before repentance comes about. But the prophets of our day need the backing of good people. If the people would back the preachers, the preachers would speak the message of judgment which could help bring about repentance.

Grove, Columbia, evangelist; R. P. Guy, music; services at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11; Rev. Jerry Bishop, pastor.

Mt. Pleasant Church, Bogue Chitto: July 15-20; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. George W. Harrison, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Hugh Prevost, singer; Rev. R. G. Kirkland, pastor.

Calvary, Pascagoula: July 15 - 18; Dr. J. D. Grey of New Orleans, La., evangelist; Rev. James V. Miller, music director; Rev. Byron E. Mathis, pastor; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., at 7:30 p.m.

Pleasant Valley, Mendenhall: July 15 - 20; dinner on the grounds July 15; and Sunday afternoon service at 1; night services at 7:30 during week; Rev. Bob Hutcherson from Calvary, Macon, evangelist; Dean Hunter of Pearl Church, singer; Rev. James C. Edwards, pastor.

Corinth (Jasper): July 15-20; Rev. Willie Bass, Line Creek (Scott), evangelist; Rev. Paul McDonald, pastor.

Longview (Oktibbeha): July 15-20; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Sunday at 11 and 7:30); Rev. Calvin Inman of Marks, evangelist; J. C. Walker of Weatherford, Texas; singer; Rev. Wayne Sanders, pastor.

Mt. Nebo (Newton): July 15 - 20; services, except Sunday morning, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Bennie Boone, pastor, Eighth Avenue, Meridian, evangelist; Jim Winters, Riverside, New Orleans, singer; Rev. David L. Sellers, pastor.

Rock Hill (Rankin): July 15 - 20. Sunday services at regular hours; week - day 7:30 p.m.; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, evangelist; Tommy White, Concord Church, directing music; Rev. W. J. Murray, pastor.

Friendship, McComb: July 15-20; Rev. James Fancher, Jackson, evangelist; Rev. Kenny White, Morton, leading music; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. lunch served at the church each day; Rev. H. Glen Schilling, pastor.

Center Ridge (Kemper): July 15-20; evangelist, Rev. Perrin Cook, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; song director, Tony Bates; organist, Mrs. Tony Bates; pianist, Mrs. Nona Quarrels; Pastor, Rev. F. H. Miller.

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Pastor Jimmie C. Wood, and Eugene Myers, chairman of the building committee, break ground for the new \$85,000 education building to be added to Newhebron Church. In the picture are, l to r: Mrs. Roy A. Berry, Robert V. May, Rev. Jimmie C. Wood, pastor; Eugene Myers, Mrs. Henry Riley, Pat Shivers, and Charles Little. This will be the children's classrooms, recreation area, and a large kitchen. Charter member of the Newhebron Church, Mrs. J. C. McGuffee, was present. (Pictured in insert.)